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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

AT ITS

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD IN THE

MASONIC HALL, AT THE CITY OF KINGSTON,

On the 10th Day of August, A. L., 5869, A. D., 1869.

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, OTTAWA, Ontario, GRAND Z.

T. BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, Ontario, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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PROCEEDINGS:

At the Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Kingston, Ont., on Tuesday, the 10th day of August, A.D. 1869, A. L., 5869.

PRESENT:

M.E.Comp.	T. Wilson, P.G.Z.,	as Grand Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	James Seymour,	" H.	
" " "	Thos. McCraken, P.G.J.	as " J.	

On the Throne.

R.E.Comp.	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe E.
" " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	as " " N.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	" Prin. Sojourner.
" " "	John V. Noel,	" Treasurer.
" " "	John S. Bowen,	as " Registrar.
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick,	as " 1st Ass't Sojourner
" "	Edson Kemp,	as " 2nd " "
V. " "	William Johnson,	" Sword Bearer.
" "	Thomas Sargant,	as " Standard Bearer.
" " "	P. E. Remon,	" Dir of Ceremonies
" "	J. Kirkpatrick Kerr,	" Organist
" " "	S. H. Blondheim,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	B. Patterson,	
" "	Robert Hendry, Jun.,	as " Stewards.
" "	N. B. Falkiner,	as
" "	Alex. Servos,	as
"	Thomas Graham,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas F. McMullen,	London	District.
" " "	Charles L. Beard,	Wilson	"
" " "	Thomas Winter,	Huron	"
" " "	William McCabe,	Toronto & Ontario	"
" " "	H. W. Delany,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	Michael J. May,	Central	"
" " "	Thomas Milton,	Montreal	"
" " "	Joseph C. Brown,	Nova Scotia.	"

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	P. G. Z.
" " "	C. D. Macdonnell,	P. G. H.
" " "	Thomas McCraken,	P. G. J.
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick,	P. G. Suptd.
" " "	E. H. Parker,	P. G. "
" " "	John W. Murton,	P. G. "
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	P. G. "
" " "	Henry Dumble,	P. G. Reg.
" " "	John S. Bowen,	P. G. "
V. " "	E. J. Barker,	P. G. Steward.

A constitutional number of Representatives from Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in due form at 1.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, having appointed R. S. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, E. Comp. F. Mudge, a Committee to examine the Credentials of Representatives of Chapters, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

	E. Comp.	Geo. M. Wilkinson,	Z.
	" "	W. P. Phillips,	H.
R.	" "	C. D. Macdonnell,	P.Z.
"	" "	John Kerr,	P.Z.
"	" "	Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,	P.Z.
"	" "	E. H. Parker,	P.Z.
	"	Thomas Graham,	Janitor.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, P.Z.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, J.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, O.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, P.Z.
R. " " Thos. F. McMullen, P.Z. and Rep.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, P.Z.
" " " Thomas McCraken, P.Z.
" " " John W. Murton, P.Z. and Rep.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, O.

E. Comp. N. B. Falkiner, J.
R. " " L. H. Henderson, P.Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, Z.
" " David McLellan, H.

No. 9. GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, SHERBROOKE, Q.

E. Comp. John H. Graham, Z.
" " George H. Borlase, H.

No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

E. Comp. Robert Hendry, Jun., Z.
R. " " John V. Noel, P.Z.
V. " " E. J. Barker, P.Z.
R. " " H. Dumble, P.Z.
" " Francis Milo, P.Z.
V. " " S. H. Blondheim, P.H.

No. 13. STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, Q.

R. E. Comp. John S. Bowen, P.Z.
" " " M. J. May, P.Z.

No. 14. PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, Q.

E. Comp. Edson Kemp, Z.

No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, O.

V. E. Comp. E. P. Remon, Z.
" " " John J. Gemmill, H.
R. " " M. J. May, P.Z

No. 17. DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO, Q.

E. Comp. L. W. Decker, J.

No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, O.

R. E. Comp. Charles L. Beard, Z.

No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, O.

E. Comp. Alex. Servos, Z.
R. " " James Seymour, P.Z.

No. 20. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, O.

E. Comp. Fred. Mudge, P.H. and Rep.
" " Humphrey Davis, P.J.

No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, O.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Winter, P.Z.

No. 25. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Milton, Z.
V. " " William Johnson, P.H.

No. 26. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, O.

R. E. Comp. H. W. Delany, P.Z.
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, P.Z.

No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, O.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, P.Z. and Rep.
" " Henry Macpherson, P.Z.

No. 28. PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, O.

V. E. Comp. B. Patterson, Z.
R. " " William McCabe, P.Z.
" " S. B. Fairbanks, P.Z.

No. 29. MCCALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, O.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P.Z.

No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, O.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Winter, (proxy.)

No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, O.

E. Comp. Donald Ross, Z.

No. 32. WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT, O.

E. Comp. George H. Patterson, Z.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, GOLDENVILLE, N.S.

R. E. Comp. J. Conway Brown, Z.

ORILLIA CHAPTER, ORILLIA, O.

E. Comp. Robert Ramsay, Z.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY, O.

E. Comp. George H. Dartnell, Z.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE, O.

E. Comp. J. Wright, Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by E. Comp. N. B. Falkiner, and resolved:

That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted leave for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

The Grand Scribe E. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the previous Annual Convocation when

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by E. Comp. N. B. Falkiner, and resolved:

That inasmuch as the proceedings at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held in the Masonic Hall, Montreal, on the 11th and 12th days of August, A.D. 1868, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered read and now confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E. read a letter from the M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z., expressing regret that circumstances beyond his control would prevent him from being present at this Convocation, and enclosing an address which he desired should be read to the Companions.

Letters were likewise read of a similar nature from R.E. Comp. J. H. Stearns, G. J., R. E. Comp. Edward Willis, G.S.N., and V.E. Comp. Geo. EnEarl, G. 1st Asst. Sojr.

At the request of the M.E.Z., the Grand Scribe E. read the following:

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

GREETING;

COMPANIONS:

Once more we are spared to assemble in Annual Convocation, and consult together in pleasant companionship; and, guided by past experience, mutually endeavour to promote the future prosperity of the Royal Craft. Grand Chapter now meets for the twelfth time, and surely we have reason to congratulate each other on the steady progression of our antient and loved order, and the further development of its various excellent attributes; and, provided we are ourselves true to its principles, just as surely have we the precious right to believe that Free-

masonry will be blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe, to the furtherance of His divine will, the carrying out of His omnipotent pleasure, the satisfaction of our own hearts, and the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

Companions! I greet you well, and may we be long permitted to assemble thus in union, and good-fellowship. I feel sincere pleasure in addressing you again; I regret sincerely that I cannot do so in person. I have not a great deal to say to you, for during the Masonic year just expired, as far as I know, harmony has prevailed, and I can but repeat my declaration made at our last Annual Convocation, that my work has been easy, and my labour light. Our subordinate Chapters are healthy and prosperous, and there is a steady, satisfactory increase in our numbers and material. But you will learn more from the several reports of the Grand Superintendents, than any casual remarks of mine. So likewise the Treasurer's Accounts, and the usual returns made by your faithful and energetic Grand Scribe, E. will enable you to judge of the financial condition of Grand Chapter, and of the fidelity to your interests rendered by the officers in whom you have reposed faith and trust. Consequently I need not occupy your time needlessly, and thereby prevent your passing at once to the business to be transacted at this Convocation.

I have granted Dispensations in favour of five New Chapters, viz:

The Hiram	Goldenville, N.S.,
Mount Horeb	Orillia, Ont.,
Keystone	Whitby, "
Corinthian	Peterboro', "
Victoria	Port Hope, "

And I recommend their confirmation by warrant. To the first I invite your special attention. It gave me true pleasure to meet the wishes of our Nova Scotia companions, for I felt that the more closely cemented our bond of union became, the better it would be, and it would certainly tend to the general benefit and advancement of our time-honored

institution. I hope we shall become finally one Sovereign Body, ruling over Capitular Masonry throughout this Dominion. Nevertheless we must not shut our eyes to the fact, that as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have each its Grand Lodge, so the Companions there may deem it more advantageous to establish their own Grand Chapters, and, if so, we must be prepared to give them our cordial recognition; extend at once the right hand of fellowship, and aid and assist them by every means in our power.

I have renewed my former Dispensation empowering "St. Andrew's" Chapter, No. 4, held at Toronto, to revive its work, and I am happy to say that it has done so, under the auspices and untiring zeal of our R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman. I feel sure that Grand Chapter would have felt sincere regret if that old branch of our Masonic tree had been lopped from its parent trunk.

I have granted several other Dispensations during the year, all relating to the elections of Principals, and under the authority vested in the Grand First Principal. If I had not exercised this constitutional power, the result would have been the extinction of the Chapters interested, owing to an absolute dearth of Companions qualified for election to fill the three chairs. In each instance the application was accompanied by a recommendation in favour of granting the prayer of the companions.

I have the gratification of announcing that the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, desiring closer relations with Canada, has been pleased to appoint me its Representative in this Grand Chapter, and I shall cause my credentials to be read to you and recorded. Believing that you would wish to reciprocate, I have nominated a distinguished companion, Dr. George S. Blackie, to represent Canada in the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, and I request your concurrence in this act of mine.

I hope that an exchange of representatives will follow on the part of other Grand Chapters. Our more immediate neighbours in the United States all express a most kind

feeling towards us, as evinced in their printed proceedings which have been generally received by your Grand Scribe E., and I trust that you will be pleased with the Report on Foreign Correspondence. This is a labor that entails a considerable consumption of valuable time on the part of the compiler, and is well deserving the thanks of the Grand Chapter.

As regards uniformity of work, so essential, and so forcibly recommended by Grand Chapter at its previous Convocations, I am not certain if Companion Seymour, who kindly undertook, in conjunction with Companion Harris, to attend to this important matter, will be ready to make his report in full, and give his exemplification of the different Degrees. His health, I regret to state, is a subject of anxiety to his many friends, and the cause of suffering to himself, and therefore it is that I speak thus doubtfully, and full well I know that he will have your hearty sympathy.

I call your attention to two Notices of motion, given at the last Annual Convocation, and relating to a change of the time of meeting, and which, if made substantive motions will require your consideration. I would bring likewise to your notice the fact, that although the Constitution fixes a minimum Fee for conferring the Intermediate Degrees and Exaltation to the Royal Arch, and provides for the case of a Royal Arch Mason, presenting himself from without the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and not in possession of those Intermediate Degrees, yet it is silent as to a Brother who has paid for and is in possession of some or all of them, and who, from good cause shown, may be under the necessity of seeking Exaltation in some other Chapter. A supplementary clause should be introduced, covering this defect and determining the Fee to be paid in every such instance. My opinion has been asked on this matter.

I beg to report to Grand Chapter that the Supreme Grand Council of the Antient and Accepted Rite of England

and Wales and Dependencies, Thirty-third degree, has appointed me its Representative for this Dominion, and that the order is now working satisfactorily, and extending itself, and I request Grand Chapter to add the Rite, thus legitimately constituted, to the already recognized Degrees, as defined in the Book of Constitution, under the head of "Regalia."

There is one more subject I think of, before concluding, and I am sure you will all agree with me that it is one calling for congratulation. I allude to the gratifying fact of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having become a Free Mason. I believe I speak your sentiments, when I say in a few sincere words, that we have a right to feel a pardonable pride, and a loyal pleasure in having enrolled on the long list of Members of our Institution, the Heir to the Throne of the British Empire, and the son of our beloved and most estimable and good Queen; whom may God preserve!

In conclusion I beg thus publicly to thank my Companions Officers of the past year, for their assistance to myself, and attention to their own immediate offices, and in company with whom, I now surrender myself to your judgment and decision as to the proper performance of our duties. It now becomes your duty to the Royal Craft to choose, without fear or favour, your officers for the forthcoming twelve months; keeping steadily before your eyes the honor, as well as the prosperity of the Order, when making your selection. And finally, may The Almighty Architect, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent as He is, bless this Dominion, and be pleased to make our Institution one of his instruments for advancing the cause of Truth, extending relief to the distressed, and the widow and orphan, establishing brotherly love, and causing to be everywhere practiced that most excellent gift of charity—the charity that never faileth.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Z.

Ottawa, 9th August, 1869.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. M. J. May, seconded by R.E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the address of the M.E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon at this Convocation.

The following reports of the Grand Seperintendents of the various Masonic Districts were read.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following report of the Royal Arch Masonry in the London District.

My report must of necessity be short as there are only two Chapters in the District, viz: the St. George's Chapter No. 5, in the City of London, and the Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, at Sarnia.

Of the former it would appear like egotism on my part to say anything in its favour, seeing that I am its immediate past Z., suffice it to say, it is in excellent condition, under the able control of R. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth, and numbers forty-nine members.

The Wawanosh Chapter, at Sarnia, has been dormant for some time, owing to the removal of R. E. Comp. Jamieson, but a Dispensation authorizing a new Election of Officers having been procured from the M. E. Grand Z., I had much pleasure in proceeding to Sarnia, accompanied by R. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth, and E. Comp. D. Borland, of St. George's Chapter, as P. S.; and the Companions of Sarnia having procured the assistance of R. E. Comp. Wells, of the Port Huron Chapter; I had the pleasure of installing Comp. John A. McKenzie, as Z, Comp. Louis Ernst, as H., and Comp. W. Ireland, as J. I also conferred the R. A. degree on one candidate, the others being unavoidably absent

At this Convocation were received applications from six candidates for Exaltation, all of which I was informed are such material as we are authorized to receive. Among whom are the Master

and both the Wardens of a Lodge in the neighbourhood. This Chapter now consists of thirty members, four M. E. M. Masons, awaiting Exaltation, with the six candidates before alluded to.

I cannot close this report without expressing my gratitude to R. E. Comp. F. L. Wells, the Rev. and E. Comp. Stowe, and the seven other Companions of Port Huron, who so cheerfully responded to the invitation "come over and help us," by chartering a Steam Ferry Boat for that especial purpose; such warm-hearted Masonry on the part of our American Companions is worthy all commendation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. F. McMULLEN,

Grand Supt., London District.

London, Ont., 6th August, 1869.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, in Convocation assembled:

As Grand Superintendent of the Wilson District, I have again the pleasure of submitting to Grand Chapter the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry under my jurisdiction.

As little however has transpired during the year to call for any lengthy remarks, my report must necessarily be brief; the number of Chapters is three, the same as last year. I regret to have to report to Grand Chapter the great loss sustained by Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, of Brantford, at the late disastrous fire in that town, the furniture, jewels, minute book and papers, and everything with the exception of the warrant, having been destroyed, and only covered by Insurance to the extent of about one half the amount of the loss. However from the active and energetic character of the 1st Principal, V. E. Comp. J. W. Lethbridge, and the zeal evinced by the officers and members generally, the Chapter will, I am happy to say, soon be in a position to resume work. The two other Chapters in the District, viz: Oxford Chapter,

No. 18, Woodstock, and Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, are both in a flourishing condition, and the number of members steadily increasing. At a late Convocation of the last named Chapter, at which I was present, five Companions were exalted.

The only complaint which has been brought under my notice during the year having been happily disposed of; I think it is undesirable to make any further allusion to it in this report; with this single exception, nothing has occurred that I am aware, to disturb that harmony and brotherly love which should at all times exist among the members of our Order.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES L. BEARD,
Grand Supt., Wilson District.

Woodstock, July 27th, 1869.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

As required by the Constitution, I have much pleasure in submitting this my first report as Grand Superintendent of Huron District.

There are three Chapters in the District, viz: Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, presided over by V. E. Comp. John Dutton; Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, presided over by V. E. Comp. I. F. Toms; Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, presided over by E. Comp. G. H. Patterson.

All of which I have visited on several occasions, they are working well and prosperously.

I found it necessary for the well being of Huron and Waterloo Chapters to recommend the granting of dispensations to elect new Principals, and I am satisfied that the difficulty experienced by them in former years is now rectified, viz: having all the Principals residing in the place where the Chapters are held.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WINTER,
Grand Supt., Huron District.

Stratford, August 6th, 1869.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the M. E. Council, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

COMPANIONS:

I have the honor to report, that praiseworthy activity, success, and harmony prevail, as regards each of the four Chapters in this District. Convocations are held with proper regularity, and the respective chairs being generally filled by Companions of marked ability, a large number of new names have been added to the member-roll of each Chapter.

While making this gratifying report, I beg to submit however, that it is very generally remarked by those who are Royal Arch Masons of long standing in this District, as well as others, that a large proportion of new members after being for a few months regular in their attendance, gradually withdraw, and are seldom afterwards seen at the Chapter meetings. This remark will apply not only to isolated Chapters in small towns, but also, and more particularly I think, to those possessing abundant facilities for acquiring information. Careful thought as to the cause of this waning interest seems to point to an imperfect knowledge of the ritual of each Degree on the part of the Officers, whose duty it becomes to work the Chapters. And a glance at the amount of knowledge of this kind which the 1st Principal must acquire to enable him to work the respective Degrees thoroughly and perfectly, ought to convince any one, that it is almost, I may say entirely beyond the power of any individual, unless a prodigy, to attain. The consequence is that the young Masons often, if not always, sees our splendid ritual more or less marred and mangled, and finds his ardour and zeal in Masonry cooled accordingly.

Having given the matter much careful consideration, and consulted with intelligent heads of several Chapters, I take the liberty of most respectfully suggesting to the Grand Chapter such a change in the Constitution as will *permit the second and third Principals,*

with the consent of the First Principal, to confer Degrees, by this means a division of labor may be effected, which will in many cases, I believe, be of great service to Royal Arch Masonry.

Respectfully submitted.

B. E. CHARLTON,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District.

HAMILTON, August 9th, 1869.

TORONTO AND ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the M. E. Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto and Ontario District.

I am glad to be able to report that St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 4, Toronto, after having been dormant for several years, resumed labors early in the year, under the able management of that zealous, expert and distinguished Companion, R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman.

This old Chapter, therefore, commences work under the most favourable auspices, and there is every reason to expect that its future will be prosperous.

During the year Dispensations were issued by the M. E. Z., authorizing Chapters to be opened at Orillia, Whitby, Port Hope, and Peterborough.

The Principals in each case are efficient workers, and I have much pleasure in recommending that a Warrant be granted to each Chapter.

The E. First Principal of Mount Horeb Chapter, held at Orillia, desires that the name of that Chapter be changed to "Signet" Chapter, owing to the former name having been already assigned to other Chapters.

I recommend that the change of name be made in accordance with the desire of the Chapter.

There are now four Chapters in the territory embraced in the Ontario District, and in case of a recommendation being necessary to bring the question of a sub-division of the Toronto District before Grand Chapter, I suggest that such division be made, and that the Toronto District be sub-divided into the Toronto and Ontario Districts, each embracing the track of country now comprised in those Districts, as taken and accepted by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I am glad to be able to report that the greatest harmony and brotherly feeling prevails throughout the District.

In conclusion, I have to tender my most hearty thanks to the Companions throughout the District, for their kindness and courtesy throughout my official intercourse with them.

All which is most fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM McCABE,

Grand Supt., Toronto and Ontario District.

Kingston, August 10th, 1869.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have again to report to you on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry, and its progress in this District.

The number of Chapters remain as last year—three.

During the past year I have visited these Chapters, each several times, and it affords me much pleasure in being able to report that they are all working harmoniously and well. And I cannot give better evidence of their harmony than to say, that for the two years during which I have had the honor of being Superintendent, no complaint of any kind has been made to me, officially, and consequently my labors have been rendered light and pleasant, and for which, my thanks are hereby tendered to the Companions of the District.

Before closing this report, I wish to acknowledge the many acts of courtesy and kindness extended to me by all the Companions of the District, and for which I feel deeply indebted to them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. DELANY.
Grand Supt., P. E. D.

KINGSTON, August 10th, 1869.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the M. E. the Grand Council, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit the following report on the state of Capitular Masonry, in the District under my Superintendence.

There are four Chapters in this District, viz: two at Kingston, the Ancient Frontenac, No. 1, and the Cataraqui, No. 12, one at Ottawa, the Carleton, No. 16, and one at Prescott, the Grenville, No. 22.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the three first named Chapters and find everything in the working, satisfactory and according to Ritual.

I regret that I have been unable to visit the Grenville Chapter, owing to the irregularity of their meetings, and to report that they have not this year elected their proper Officers, owing to their inability to procure a quorum on the evening of the election. I also regret to have to call the attention of Grand Chapter to the unsatisfactory working of this Chapter in this respect, and to recommend that the head quarters of the Chapter be removed from Prescott to Merrickville, as the majority of its working members reside in the immediate vicinity of that town.

No masonic complaints have been made officially to me, during my term of office, and I have to congratulate the Chapters of the District on the harmony and good feeling which exist among the Companions.

I have to report to Grand Chapter the death of Companion, Captain Robert Gaskin, of Ancient Frontenac Chapter, on the 23rd February, 1869.

The whole respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL J. MAY,
Grand Supt., Central District.

Ottawa, July 25th, 1869.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit my report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry, in the District of Montreal.

The two Chapters in this Disirict, namely, the Carnarvon, No. 21, and the Mount Horeb, No. 25, continue to meet regularly and work creditably, and I have every reason to believe that the material submitted for the building of our sacred Temple during the past year has been well and truly tried, and although few candidates for our privileges have been rejected, only the good and true have been admitted within our portals.

It is my pleasing duty to report that during the past year nine members of the Shawenegam Lodge, No. 134, held at Three Rivers, including the W. Master and Past Masters of the Lodge, have at different intervals made application to, and after due inquiry into their character and standing as Masons, have been accepted by Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25, some of whom have already taken all the Degrees of the Order. It is their intention after they are thoroughly instructed and properly qualified, to apply to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., for a Dispensation to open a Chapter in Three Rivers, and from the material of which the foundation is being formed, the intelligence of those Brethren and Companions, and the attention to instructions paid by those who are at present under my tuition for that purpose, I have every reason to believe that should the Most Excellent Grand Z. be pleased to grant them his Dispensation to open a Chapter of R. A. Masons in their midst, that it will be a great acquisition to Grand Chapter.

I regret very much that I am the first Grand Superintendent of the Montreal District upon whom has fallen the painful duty of reporting the suspension of Companions for unmasonic conduct; two companions have been suspended in Carnarvon Chapter, No. 21, for an indefinite period, and one in Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25, for two months, for offences against the honor and dignity of the Order. I regret it all the more as one of the delinquents was at one time greatly respected by the Royal Arch Masons of Canada, and held high office in this Grand Chapter. I however, entirely concur in the action taken by both Chapters in these painful and disagreeable cases, as it is only by strictly adhering to the principles of our institution, and a firm determination to enforce its laws and regulations, that we can expect to support its honor, encourage its happiness, and increase its prosperity.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

THOMAS MILTON,

Grand Supt., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, 9th August, 1869.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, I submit the following brief report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Eastern Townships District.

There are three Chapters under my jurisdiction.

The "Golden Rule," has been removed from Stanstead to Sherbrooke. I have been unable to visit it, I intended to have done so at their installation, in May last, but was prevented by sickness, but I learn they are progressing well.

"Prevost," at Dunham, is at work and making fair progress, with good and competent officers.

"Dorchester," at Waterloo, is steadily increasing in numbers.

Finally, the Chapters throughout the District are making fair progress, and Capitulary Masonry is in a healthy condition.

The whole most respectfully submitted.

W. A. TAYLOR,
Grand Supt., E. T. D.

WATERLOO, August 2nd, 1869.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in convocation assembled.

As Superintendent of the Quebec District, and in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Chapter. I beg to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District.

Owing to there being only one Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this District, viz: "Stadacona," No. 13, the duties of my office have been light, rendered particularly so from the fact, that since my last report no subject of grievance or appeal has been submitted to me for adjudication. The Chapter has been progressing prosperously, and in perfect harmony, owing in a great measure to the good judgment used in bringing up good and well tried material, as well as the discrimination evinced in the selection of zealous and experienced officers, have been instrumental in no small degree in reflecting credit on the Chapter, as well as on Capitular Masonry generally within this District.

I am happy to report that through the exertions of some Companions of St. John's Chapter, No. 182, E. R., and of Stadacona, No. 13, C. R., an amalgamation of the two Chapters has been effected, which has been the means of placing all Capitular Masonry in this District under my superintendence, and increased the strength of the Stadacona Chapter very materially, both numerically and financially, by its absorbtion of the members, regalia, and funds of the St. John's Chapter, whose warrant has been returned to the Grand Chapter of England.

Before closing this report I would beg to call the attention of Grand Chapter to the question of jurisdiction, and would wish to have the limits of this District accurately defined.

Owing to the Eastern Townships District under the Grand Lodge of Canada, holding superintendence over all territory *south* of the St. Lawrence, and no Chapter existing east of Richmond, it may become a subject of dispute should Master Masons south of Quebec wish to become members of Stadacona Chapter; I would therefore respectfully suggest, that a line of division be made, *midway* between Richmond and Levis, and all that portion east of the said line placed within the Quebec District.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the courtesy extended to me by the officers and members of the Stadacona Chapter, on the occasion of the many visits I have made them during the period I have had the honor to act as their Superintendent.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

J. T. LAMBERT,

Grand Supt., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, July 23th, 1869.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

GREETING :

In this my second Annual Report to Grand Chapter, it affords me much gratification to be enabled to state that the introduction of Canadian Royal Arch Masonry into this Province of New Brunswick, has been cordially approved by our Companions.

Immediately after the close of Grand Convocation, last year, the more formal Warrant for New Brunswick Chapter, came to hand ; the Companions were much pleased to find that a number so well up on your roll had been allotted to our Chapter, and on its behalf, I beg to assure Grand Chapter, that it will be the aim of No. 10, to prove worthy of the kind consideration it has received at your hands.

With the fraternal assistance of Right Excellent Companion, Past Principal Z., Benjamin L. Peters, S. R., and Past Grand Superintendent of Nova Scotia, under S. R. Right Excellent Companion John Willis. I had the honor, after my return from Montreal, of opening a "Council of Installed Principals," at the Masonic Hall, Judge Ritchie's Building, in this City, on the 8th February, 1869; when the Chair Degrees of J., H., and Z., were severally, and in due and ancient form, conferred on Present and Past Principals, of Chapter No, 10, agreeable to the requirements of the Constitution, as follows:

Comps. David R. Munro, James McNichol, sen., Edward Willis, John D. Shortt, John Mullen, Geo. H. Whiting, Jas. McNichol, jun., Geo. J. Chubb, Robert Shires, and W. Walker Enslie; Chair Degree J.

Comps. David R. Munro, James McNichol, sen., Edward Willis, John D. Shortt, John Mullin, and George H. Whiting; Chair Degree H.

Comps. David R. Munro, James McNichol, sen., Edward Willis, John D. Shortt; Chair Degree Z.

I may here mention that the Grand Chapter from which this Chapter formerly held its Warrant, did not confer the above mentioned Degrees, hence I have adopted this course, to the end that the "Principals" of No. 10, might enjoy all the privileges to which they are entitled under the Constitution of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Now that "Blue Masonry" within the Dominion, is governed and controled by Grand Lodges within the territory; it is only reasonable to suppose that the advantages of self-government which are so patent to the most casual observer, will ere long be secured by all Chapters of Capitular Masonry within the territory of Canada.

It would, in my opinion, be for the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry, were Grand Chapter, at the present Session, to write the several Chapters working in the Dominion, under the Banners of Foreign Chapters, to respectively appoint Delegates to

meet a Committee from Grand Chapter, at some central point, within a few months from date, to seriously consider this matter, with a view to the adoption of a remedy for our present "Double Jurisdiction," either by the erection of Grand Chapters for each, "Nova Scotia," and "New Brunswick," or by the erection of a Grand Chapter for the "Maritime Provinces"; or by the merging of all Chapters in Canada working under Foreign authority, upon mutually satisfactory terms and conditions, under the Banner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I may here enumerate the several Royal Arch Chapters in the Province, viz :

New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10	Register of Canada.
St. Mark's Chapter, No. 518, St. Andrews	Register of England.
Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, St. John	Register of Scotland.
Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77, Fredericton.	" "
Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 84, Carleton	" "
Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 85, Hampton...	" "
Mount Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 101, Chatham	" "
St. Stephen Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, St. Stephen	" "

During the past week I granted authority to New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, to join, under the direction of Excellent Principal Z. Companion David R. Munro, the Grand Lodge, and take part in the ceremonies consequent upon laying the Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall, Carleton, with Masonic honors. The demonstration took place on Friday, the 30th July, instant, under most auspicious circumstances. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, was supported by the Grand Lodge, Blue Lodges, New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, and the St. John, and the Union De Molay Encampments of the City.

Most respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MARSHALL,

Grand Supt. for the Province of New Brunswick.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor of submitting the following report on the condition and progress of Royal Arch Masonry of this Province.

The intimate connexion which should ever exist between Ancient Craft Masonry and our sublime Degrees, leads me in the first instance to express my gratification at the cordial union of the hitherto dissentient jurisdiction of Blue Masonry, which was consummated at the recent Festival of St. John the Baptist, at Halifax.

Its effect upon the Royal Craft has already been felt, and will doubtlessly progress in value.

At the present time the Grand Chapters of Canada, England, and Scotland, hold concurrent jurisdiction in this Province, and comprise the following subordinates:

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The Hiram Chapter, U.D., Goldenville.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

Royal Union Chapter, No. 118; Convocations held at Halifax.

GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

St. Andrews, No. 55, Halifax; St. John's, No. 130, Picton.

It will readily be seen that this sub-division of interests and diversity of ritual, acts in an unfavorable manner upon our institution, and I regret to add that both Officers and Companions, with some few exceptions, do not evince that interests in acquiring a familiarity with the ritual, which is so essentially necessary, both in conferring the Degrees and in inducing newly exalted Companions to acquire fluently the means of recognition away from localities where they can be vouched for.

In this respect I cordially endorse the remarks made by R. E. Comp. Robert Marshall, in concluding his report for the last year:

It is a rule strictly inforced in my own Chapter, to require an exhibition of proficiency in the preceding degrees before further progress.

I have, however, strong grounds for believing that the recent union of the Craft Lodges will act indirectly, in bringing about the reform so much needed.

As regards the progress of The Hiram Chapter, U.D., under your jurisdiction, I have to report that the Dispensation arrived here during the month of March, and that on the 29th day of that month the Chapter was organized with the assistance of eight Companions of the St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 55, Halifax, who, with true Masonic spirit, came down to enable me to open with a constitutional number.

They comprised five Present and Past First Principals, Z., and were compelled to be absent four days: I take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of their devotedness and interest.

The Chapter, myself excepted, being entirely composed of members who had been advanced, inducted, received and acknowledged, and exalted (under special Dispensation) in one day, were not able to assist in conferring Degrees without some instruction, and as an earnest of their desire to fathom the mysteries of our Art, I may mention that they attended no less than twenty meetings for instructions, before being willing to act upon petitions.

The Officers are now, one and all, quite perfect in their respective duties.

The increase of membership has not been large, but has been of a highly desirable description; the furniture, regalia, &c., is more complete than usual, and is all paid for; in addition, the Companions have, with a small assistance from the Blue Lodge Masons, erected a Masonic Hall, 40×22, and there are no outstanding liabilities upon it.

The records show rather an undue proportion of emergency Convocations to regular ones, this has been caused by business

engagements requiring the attention of one or more of the Principals on every regular night; it is an inconvenience to which every new Chapter is liable, especially in a district which, like the present, is out of the range of any older organizations which could supply an Officer when required.

I have much pleasure in recommending that a Warrant of Confirmation be granted to this Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. CONWAY BROWN,

Grand Supt., Province of Nova Scotia.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,
GOLDENVILLE, N.S.
July 17th, 1869.

On motion it was resolved—

That the reports of the various Grand Superintendents just read, be received, and referred to the Executive Committee and to report thereon.

R.E. Comp. T. B. Harris, Grand Scribe E. submitted his annual statements of receipts, with Books, &c., as follows, which were received, and referred to the Executive Committee.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Dr. THOMAS B. HARRIS, G. S. E., *in account with the Grand Chapter, for the financial year ending* 31*st July* 1869. *Cr.*

1869.	$ c.
No. 1—Ancient Frontenac, Kingston	31 60
" 2—The Hiram, Hamilton	31 80
" 4—St. Andrew's, Toronto	
" 5—St. George's, London	15 60
" 6—St. John's Hamilton	48 60
" 7—Moira, Belleville	70 60
" 8—King Solomon's, Toronto	65 20
" 9—Golden Rule, Sherbrooke	
" 10—New Brunswick, St. John, N.B.	
" 12—Cataraqui, Kingston	28 60
" 13—Stadacona, Quebec	44 10
" 14—Prevost, Dunham	
" 15—Wananosh, Sarnia	42 50
" 16—Carleton, Ottawa	32 20
" 17—Dorchester, Waterloo	9 80
" 18—Oxford, Woodstock	17 80
" 19—Mount Moriah, St. Catharines	28 00
" 20—Mount Horeb, Brantford	
" 21—Carnarvon, Montreal	47 50
" 22—Grenville, Prescott	14 22
" 23—Ezra, Simcoe	9 40
" 24—Tecumseh, Stratford	17 00
" 25—Mount Horeb, Montreal	43 70
" 26—St. Mark's, Trenton	
" 27—Manitou, Collingwood	12 00
" 28—Pentalpha, Oshawa	72 00
" 29—McCallum, Dunnville	29 20
" 30—Huron, Goderich	30 40
" 31—Prince Edward, Picton	45 60
" 32—Waterloo, Galt	30 00
U. D. —The Hiram, Goldenville, N.S.	50 00
" —Mount Horeb, Orillia	40 00
" —Keystone, Whitby	40 00
" —Corinthian, Peterboro'	40 00
" —Victoria, Port Hope	40 00
Constitutions	3 25
	$1,027 07

1868.	$ c.
Sept. 16—By Paid Grand Treasurer	100 00
Dec. 8— " " " "	50 00
1869.	
Mar. 2— " " " "	193 50
May 15— " " " "	300 00
July 24— " " " "	300 00
Aug. 4— " " " "	83 57
	$1,027 07

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST 1869.

No.	NAME.	PLACE.	LAST RETURN.		1868	1869	DR.		CR.	
							$	cts.	$	cts.
1	Ancient Fontenac	Kingston	31st January	..	..	1869	00	00		
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
4	St. Andrew's	Toronto	" "	1863	..	..	25	40		
5	St. George's	London	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
6	St. John's	Hamilton	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
7	Moira	Belleville	" "	..	..	1869	19	60		
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
9	Golden Rule	Sherbrooke	" "	..	..	1869	125	00		
10	New Brunswick	St. John	July	..	1868	..	6	00		
12	Cataraqui	Kingston	31st January	..	..	1869	00	00	2	00
13	Stadacona	Quebec	" "	..	..	1869	1	00		
14	Prevost	Dunham	" "	..	..	1869	24	00		
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	" "	..	..	1869	29	00		
16	Carleton	Ottawa	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
17	Dorchester	Waterloo	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
18	Oxford	Woodstock	" "	..	..	1869	2	00		
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	July	..	1868	..	00	00	00	80
21	Carnarvon	Montreal	31st January	..	..	1869	00	00	1	00
22	Grenville	Prescott	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
23	Ezra	Simcoe	" "	..	..	1869	00	00	00	40
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
25	Mount Horeb	Montreal	" "	..	..	1869	00	00	4	00
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	" "	..	1868	..	00	00	00	60
27	Manitou	Collingwood	" "	..	..	1869	00	00	00	20
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa	July	..	1868	..	16	20		
29	McCallum	Dunnville	31st January	..	..	1869	37	00		
30	Huron	Goderich	31st July	..	1868	..	9	00		
31	Prince Edward	Picton	31st January	..	..	1869	00	00		
32	Waterloo	Galt	" "	..	..	1869	00	00		
U.D.	The Hiram	Goldenville	no returns	..	..	..	00	00		
"	Mount Horeb	Orillia	"	..	..	..	00	00		
"	Keystone	Whitby	"	..	..	..	00	00		
"	Corinthian	Peterboro'	"	..	..	..	00	00		
"	Victoria	Port Hope	"	..	..	..	00	00		

TABULAR STATEMENT, extracted from the Returns of Chapters for the year 1869.

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	Number of Registrations.	Number of Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Number of Members.	Amount of Fees. $	c.
1	Ancient Frontenac	Kingston, O	6	..	..	..	1	48	31	60
2	The Hiram	Hamilton, O	6	1	3	..	..	44	31	80
*4	St. Andrew's	Toronto, O	..	..	..	..	..	..		
5	St. George's	London, O	5	..	9	..	2	48	15	60
6	St. John's	Hamilton, O	11	..	7	3	..	88	48	60
7	Moira	Belleville, O	11	..	4	7	..	83	70	60
8	King Solomon's	Toronto, O	17	..	10	3	1	61	65	20
9	Golden Rule	Sherbrooke, Q.	18	..	..	..	..	72		
10	New Brunswick	St. John, N.B	6	..	6	..	..	103		
12	Cataraqui	Kingston, O	7	..	2	..	..	28	28	60
13	Stadacona	Quebec, Q	6	1	2	1	..	62	41	10
†14	Prevost	Dunham, Q	8	..	..	..	1	22		
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia, O	10	1	..	..	2	36	42	50
16	Carleton	Ottawa, O	8	..	2	4	..	59	32	20
17	Dorchester	Waterloo, Q.	..	..	..	..	..	49	9	80
18	Oxford	Woodstock, O	4	..	..	8	..	39	17	80
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines, O	5	..	1	..	..	75	28	00
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford, O	1	..	..	..	..	30		
21	Carnarvon	Montreal, Q	13	3	2	1	..	60	47	50
22	Grenville	Prescott, O	2	..	..	..	1	34	14	22
23	Ezra	Simcoe, O	2	..	..	..	.	24	9	40
24	Tecumseh	Stratford, O	3	..	..	..	..	50	17	00
25	Mount Horeb	Montreal, Q	15	2	5	1	..	56	43	70
†26	St. Mark's	Trenton, O	..	..	..	..	..	27		
27	Manitou	Collingwood, O	1	..	1	..	1	33	12	00
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa, O	32	..	7	..	..	60	72	00
29	McCallum	Dunnville, O	10	..	1	..	..	25	29	20
†30	Huron	Goderich, O	..	..	..	..	..	21	30	40
31	Prince Edward	Picton, O	12	..	1	..	..	22	45	00
32	Waterloo	Galt, O	6	..	..	..	..	16	30	00
33	The Hiram	Goldenville, N.S	11	..	..	..	..	20	50	00
34	Signet	Orillia, O	..	..	..	..	..	10	40	00
35	Keystone	Whitby, O	..	..	..	..	..	9	40	00
36	Corinthian	Peterboro', O	..	..	..	..	..	10	40	00
37	Victoria	Port Hope, O	..	..	..	..	..	9	40	00

*Resuscitated †No Returns for 1869.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll		35
" " represented in Grand Chapter		29
" Registrations reported		236
" Joinings "		8
" Withdrawals "		63
" Suspensions "		28
" Deaths "		9
" Members on the Roll of Chapters		1,433
Receipts for the year	$1,027 07	

R.E. Comp. John V. Noel, Grand Treasurer, submitted his annual statement, with Books and Vouchers, which were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Dr. J. V. NOEL, GRAND TREASURER, in account with the GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA. Cr.

1868.							1868.			
Aug. 19.	To amount received from late Treasurer.				$552 87		Sept. 17.	By sundry accounts paid per order.....	$356 70	
Sep. 17.	" Cheque from Grand S. E....			$100 00			" 19.	" order in favor of J. T. Rolph..	$60 00	
Dec. 9.	"	do	do	50 00			" 21.	" do do T. & R. White	13 50	
				———	150 00		" 22.	" do do H. Robertson.	20 00	
1869.							" 28.	" do do John Ellis...	60 00	
Mar. 3.	"	do	do	193 50			1869.			
May 17.	"	do	do	300 00					———	153 50
July 31.	" Gore Bank draft	do		300 00			March 3.	" do do T. & R. White		93 50
Aug. 6.	"	do	do	83 57			" "	" Bank agency and Postage		2 53
				———	877 07		Aug. 10.	" Balance deposited at Bank of Montreal.....	$948 87	
	Interest on deposits.....				4 16			On hand due bill	29 00	
					———				———	977 87
					$1,584 10					$1,584 10

1869.
August 10. To Balance..... $977 87

E. E. KINGSTON, August 10th, 1869.

JOHN V. NOEL,
Grand Treasurer.

AUDITED August 10th, 1869.

MICHAEL J. MAY,
Executive Committee.

R.E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence commmenced reading the following report

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Having been again entrusted with the performance of the duty of preparing the review of Foreign Correspondence, your Committee beg to present the following, as the result of their labors.

They have received from the Grand Scribe E., the proceedings of twenty-eight sister Grand Chapters, which will be noticed under their proper headings, namely:

1. Scotland.....1868
2. Alabama 1868
3. Arkansas.....1868
4. California.....1868
5. District of Columbia..1868
6. Florida.....1868
7. Georgia 1868
8. Indiana.....1868
9. Iowa 1868
10. Kentucky.....1868
11. Louisiana 1869
12. Maine.....1868
13. Maryland.....1868
14. Massachusetts.....1868
15. Minnesota 1868
16. Mississippi.....1868–9
17. Missouri.....1868
18. New York 1869
19. North Carolina.....1868
20. Oregon.....1868
21. Rhode Island....1866–7–8
22. South Carolina....1868–9
23. Tennessee 1868
24. Texas 1868
25. Vermont.....1868
26. Virginia 1868
27. Wisconsin 1869
28. General G. Chapter...1868

We find a large number of questions engaging the attention of the Companions in these jurisdictions, among which are, the propriety of the Past Master's Degree in the Chapter; the physical qualifications of the candidates; dual membership; what are the ancient landmarks; the employment of substitutes; the order of High Priesthood; can a Grand Chapter confer degrees or ballot for candidates; the advantage of having a General Grand Chapter; the harmony of work; "our colored brethren;" has an elective officer a right to resign, or to withdraw; the creation of

Royal Arch Masons *at sight;* can a candidate be stopped at any stage by a single objection; and whether Masonry is benefitted or otherwise by the increase of degrees and orders. Some of these are of no particular interest to us, except as members of one great masonic family, while others are most important and interesting, and it is highly essential that we should be thoroughly informed about those subjects upon which we may have to decide, and possibly in a very short time.

In this report we can only hope to present a cursory review of the most important matters that have come under our notice, and while we have striven to make it readable and interesting, we are afraid we have only partially succeeded, and we must throw ourselves upon the fraternal indulgence of our Companions, and ask them to pardon our deficiencies.

The only intelligence we have from the mother country, comes from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, from whom we hear with commendable regularity. We are sure that if the Grand Scribes of England and Ireland knew how interested we feel in their welfare and progress they would keep us supplied with copies of their proceedings. Ours are regularly sent to them.

We now proceed to consider in detail.

SCOTLAND.

The annual reporter contains an abstract of the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter and Committee, from March, 1868, to March, 1869. The register shows 100 Chapters, and 11 Mark Lodges. The receipts for the year were £392 3s. 11d., and the balance on hand, £1,215 3s. 8d. The number of registrations was 476. Seven new Chapters received charters during the year, and one Mark Lodge a warrant. Among the new Chapters we noticed two in our Dominion, namely, No. 125, St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and No. 130, St. John, Picton, Nova Scotia. Tho others were No. 126, Trinidad Kilwinning, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W. I.; No. 127, Brisbane, Queensland; No, 128, Flowers of the Forest, Galashiels; No. 129, Shanghae; and No. 131, St. Paul, Adelaide, C. G. H.

An important question of masonic law came up on a communication from Sydney, New South Wales, relative to the right of a Companion who had been suspended in a Lodge, to demand admittance to a Chapter. The suspended brother, who was a member of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 110, maintained his right to be admitted to the Chapter, contending that under the Scotch Constitution there is no connection between the two orders of St. John's and Royal Arch Masonry. The Supreme Committee in their report say, "There can be no doubt that the Grand Lodge of Scotland differing, it is believed, from every other Grand Lodge, recognizes no degree in Masonry above that of Master Mason, and such being the case, it may view with indifference the effect which may be given to its sentence by the higher orders, but on the other hand, no brother can be admitted to the higher orders unless he proves himself to be a St. John's Mason, and as by the obligation taken by every Master Mason, he cannot speak upon the subject of St. John's Masonry, with a brother suspended or expelled, while under either of these sentences, it seems to follow, that were a suspended St. John's Mason who happened to be a Royal Arch Companion, present at an exaltation, no candidate could give the necessary proofs that he was a Master Mason. After communicating with the Scribe E. of England, and the Registrar of Ireland, as to the practice their prevailing, resolutions were adopted declaring against the right of a suspended brother to admittance into a Chapter.

At the quarterly meeting in September, 1868, the Grand Scribe E. read a most interesting communication on the dignity of the Royal Arch Degree, from a learned and eminent Companion, W. J. Hughan, Truro, Cornwall, P. Z., No. 79. Its importance must be our excuse for copying it *in extenso*.

"In the interesting Introduction to the Laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, 1861, it is stated that 'The earliest printed notice of the Royal Arch is in an Address by Lawrence Dermott to the Gentlemen of the Fraternity, published about the middle of the last century.' In allusion to the differences between the ancient and modern Grand Lodges of England, he asks, 'Whether it is possible to initiate or introduce a modern Mason

into a Royal Arch Lodge (the very essence of Masonry) without making him go through ancient ceremonies? (page v.) The answer to which was 'No.'

"It is also stated that the Minute-Book belonging to the Stirling Ancient Lodge, of 1743, referring to the Royal Arch Degree, 'is the oldest written record now extant; and no other Chapter in Scotland has been able to show documentary evidence in its favour of an earlier date than 1765, although in these years the Chapters were already accounted old, and in full operation.' (Page xii.)

"It is my peculiar privilege to be able to afford evidence of the notice of Royal Arch Masonry in print *twenty years* earlier than the 'Introduction' allows of, through being in possession of two works respectively dated A.D. 1756 and A.D. 1744. The edition of Ahima Rezon, by Lawrence Dermott, containing 'The Address to the Gentlemen of the Fraternity,' was not published until A.D. 1764, being the *second edition.*

"The *first edition* of Ahiman Rezon (which we have) was issued A.D. 1756, and although it did not contain the Address in question, the editor (then Grand Secretary of the Ancients) inserted 'A Prayer repeated in the Royal Arch Lodge at Jerusalem,' (page 47), concluding as follows:—

'Because we have trusted in thy Holy, Great, Mighty, and Terrible name,
We will rejoice and be glad in thy salvation, and in thy mercies O Lord, our God;
And the multitude of thy mercies, O Lord our God; and the multitude of thy mercies,
Shall not forsake us for ever. Selah:
And now make haste and bring upon us a blessing, and peace from the
Four corners of the earth; for thou art a God, that workest salvation,
And has chosen us out of every people and language; and thou, our King,
Hast caused us to cleave to thy great name, in love to praise thee,
And to be united to thee, and to love thy name; blessed art thou,
O Lord God, who hast chosen thy people, Israel in love.'

"Brother Dermott 'having inserted this Prayer, and mentioned that part of Masonry commonly called the Royal Arch,' (page 47), proceeds to eulogize it thus—'I firmly believe the Royal Arch to be the root, heart, and marrow of Free Masonry.'

"Brother Dermott then mentions that the candidate for Royal Arch Masonry must first have 'passed the Chair in regular form, according to the ancient custom of the Craft,' and to further enforce this law, he adds the opinion of the Worshipful Brother, Doctor Fifield D'Assigny, printed *in the year* 1744.

"Now, it is this work by Dr. D'Assigny that we have the pleasure of possessing, and which we beg to bring before the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, as its evidence on the Royal Arch Degree is most important and unique.

"It has been thought by some never to have been in existence, as no authority but Dermott, from 1756 down to the last year, ever speaks of having seen it, but like the late Brother, the Rev. Dr. George Oliver, refer to the quotation by Dermott only.

"The learned Mason, Brother J. G. Findel, of Leipzig, when in England on a Masonic visit, says, 'I have sought in vain for the book in the British Museum.'

"Dr. George Kloss, in his accurate and valuable 'Bibliographie der Freimaurerei,' of 1844, is unable to do more than give the reference to Ahiman Rezon of A.D. 1756.

"We are, thanks be, able to set the matter at rest, by having the work itself in our Masonic Library, having purchased it in London during the latter part of 1867 from a second-hand bookseller, who had no idea of its worth, and was in ignorance of its character.

"It was bound up with another work, and hence its being overlooked by the bookseller. Brother Findel, editor of 'Die Banhütte,' has already acknowledged (in the pages of that Masonic Magazine) the importance of the discovery, and considers it to be the earliest printed work in the world that alludes to the Royal Arch Degree.

"The work is entitled. 'A Serious and Impartial Inquiry into the Present Decay of Free Masonry in the Kingdom of Ireland,' dedicated 'To the Most Noble and Puissant Prince Truth.' *Dublin:* Printed by Edward Bate. MDCCLIV. (8vo, pages 80.)

"The work is mainly taken up with 'instructive remarks, which may be found useful to revive the honour of that ancient Craft,' and the 'Old and New Regulations of the London Constitutions,' by the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, dedicated to the Right Worshipful and Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Allen, Grand Master of this Kingdom, are inserted. It will be seen that, owing to this work being issued in 1744, all doubts of the degree being known at that date, are disposed of at once. Some have tried to prove that the Royal Arch was unknown before the eighth decade of the last century; but such attemps are weak indeed, and wholly absurd.

"Brother Dr. John Pearson Bell, D.P.G.M. of N. and E. Yorkshire, has lately issued an admirable illustrative Chart, depicting the purposes of Masonry from an early period, in which he dates the origin of the degree in England at A.D. 1740.

"Dr. Robert Morris, Dr. Albert G. Mackay, and other well known writers on the History of the Fraternity, concur as to this date; and Brother William A. Laurie, Grand Secretary of Scotland, observes, 'That beyond a mere assertion, there is no evidence of any kind of its existence in this country (*i.e.*, Scotland) previous to 1743.' Whether the degree was derived from Scotland originally, or from England, it is impossibly to say. Certainly it was unknown in Ireland before A.D. 1740, and was planted there by the English ancient Masons.

"Scotland possesses the earliest Records of Arch Masonry in the world, and, so far as we know, is entitled to be considered as the chief authority in *ancient minutes* relating to Masonry, whether as to their operative or speculative character.

"The probability is, that the Degree originated with the noted Chevalier Ramsay, of Ayr, and the 'Ancients.' But to return to D'Assigny's work. There are only two references to the Royal Arch, both of which we give in their entire. The first is at page 16; in a note the author says:

"'I am informed in that city is held an assembly of Master Masons, under the title of Royal Arch Masons, who, as their qualifications and excellencies are superior to others, they receive a larger pay than working Masons.'

"The second reference to the Royal Arch is appended at page 32, and is *the* one quoted generally by Masonic writers, *where it is printed in italics;* the other part, and the former quotation, have never been inserted in any other known Masonic work of any date whatever.

"'As the landmarks of the constitution of Free Masonry are universally the same throughout all kingdoms, and are so well fixed that they will not admit of removal, how comes it to pass that some have been led away with ridiculous innovations—an example of which I shall prove by a certain propagator of a false system some few years ago in this city,' who imposed upon several very worthy men, under pretence of being Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought with him from the City of York; and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist in the knowledge of this valuable piece of Masonry. However, he carried on his scheme for several months, and many of the learned and wise were his followers, till at length his fallacious art was discovered by a Brother of probity and wisdom, who had some small space before attained that excellent part of Masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false, whereupon the Brethren justly despised him, and ordered him to be expelled from all benefits of the Craft; and although *some of the fraternity have expressed an uneasiness at this matter being kept a secret from them (since they had already passed through the usual degrees of probation), I cannot help being of opinion that they have no right to any such benefit until they made a proper application, and are received with due formality; and as it is an organised body of men who passed the chair, and given undeniable proofs of their skill in architecture, it cannot be treated with too much reverence, and more especially since the character of the present members of that particular Lodge are untainted, and their behaviour judicious and unexceptionable; so that there cannot be the least hinge to hang a doubt on, but that they are most excellent Masons.*'

"This concludes, at present, our researches as to the history of the Royal Arch Degree; and the importance of the subject is the only excuse we have to offer for the length of the communication."

"WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN."

"TRURO, CORNWALL, 18*th July*, 1868."

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were unamiously voted to Comp. Hughan.

In December, 1868, the receipt of our Proceedings is acknowledged, for the past year, and thanks voted therefor.

Upon an appeal from Comp. Jamsetjee Fardinjee, of the Perseverance Chapter, No. 71, Bombay, the Supreme Committee

decided that, "while a Chapter has power to exact dues from its members, and may exclude them from the privileges of membership, while those dues are in arrear, it has no power to deprive any one permanently of the rights of a member, who is willing to pay up his arrears." Very right, say we.

M. E. Comp. The Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, was elected First Grand Principal, superseding M. E. Comp. J. Whyte Melville, who retired, and R. E. Comp. Lindsay Mackersy, was re-elected G. S. E.

ALABAMA.

The forty-second annual Convocation was held at the city of Montgomery, on the 8th December, 1868. M. E. Comp. Peleg Brown, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. Fifty-three Chapters were represented out of seventy on the roll. These return 177 exaltations, and 2,523 members. Dues received, $759.00. Cash on hand, $1,627.65.

The G. H. P. reports that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, He desires "uniformity," and suggests the selection of a "cutodian of the work," to whom any point of difference should be referred. He also recapitulates his official acts and decisions, and closes his address with the following:

"The principles of our Order have come down to us hoary with age, being the oldest on record, and coeval with the world, and, as remodelled by our ancient patrons, ranks the earliest, and their teachings the most pure. Having stood the test of ages, though at times under the ban of ignorance and persecution, yet the teachings and principles still survive, overcoming all obstacles, and again breaking forth to shine with redoubled brilliancy. Early history teaches us that all that is now taught in the Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, was originally taught in the first three degrees, including the Holy Royal Arch; but we have now by the incisions which have been made, three distinct bodies of Ancient Craft Masonry, which with the addition of the Templar Order, making four in all moving in harmony. Of the propriety of these incisions, it is not my purpose now to speak; but among the immense mass of Masonic literature now being published, and the strong desire for

the accumulation of side degrees, now named as "Rites," I fear there is much that is calculated to injure and interfere with the teachings of our ancient Order and bring it into disrepute; and many who profess great proficiency in these sides, or what is sometimes called higher degrees, can scarcely make themselves known as Ancient Craft Masons. Then, companions, let us adhere to our own Ancient work, practice and teach the principles as handed down to us from time immemorial. Let us in all our thoughts, words and actions, strive to avoid doing anything calculated to tarnish the fair fame bequeathed to us by our ancient patrons, that all may move on in harmony."

The Grand Chapter decided that the loss of an arm renders a candidate inadmissible, and adopted a suggestion of the G. H. P., by making himself the "custodian of the work."

A jewel was presented to M. E. Comp. G. D. Norris, P. G. H. P.

A memory page is set apart to the memory of R. E. Comp. James L. Price, P. D. G. H. P.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Palmer J. Pillans, and we are happy to see that it was well appreciated by the Grand Chapter, as it deserved to be. He reviews the proceedings of the 31 Grand Chapters, including Canada, for 1867. He quotes approvingly from Comp. Seymour's last report, but is rather puzzled over the titles of some of our officers. Here we would just mention that our "Grand Scribe *Ezra*," performs similar duties to their "Grand Secretary."

The G. H. P. and the Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

This Grand Chapter commenced its nineteenth annual Convocation in the City of Little Rock, on the 12th November, 1868. M. E. Comp. Luke E. Barber, G. H. P., presiding; R. E. Comp. W. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 21 Chapters out of 45 on the roll. No statistics are published, so that we are unable to give the amount of work done. The receips

by the Grand Secretary, were $1,874.75. Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, $547.45.

The address of the G. H. P. is brief, but contains wholesome instruction, and several sound opinions, which was approved by the committee on Masonic law.

The surplus funds were, as usual, appropriated to St. John's College.

A suitable jewel was presented to the G. H. P.

Comp. S. W. Williams, presents a spicy report on the proceedings of 29 Grand Chapters, including Canada, for 1867. We hope he has received Comp. Seymour's report, which was sent, although not with the proceedings. He defends their practice of conferring degrees in the Grand Chapter, on actual candidates, which is for the purpose, we suppose, of exemplifying the work to the representatives of subordinate Chapters. He insists strongly, that the Grand Chapter has such powers itself, or it could not give them to its subordinates. Admitting that the Grand Chapter has authority to make R. A. Masons, still we think that such work should be left entirely to the private Chapters. In reviewing New York, Comp. Williams thus criticises their action regarding High Priesthood. "The Grand Chapter adopted a resolution assuming jurisdiction over the order of High Priesthood." "It would be well to assume jurisdiction over the Sons of Malta next. Will you empty your Grand Chapter of all your Kings, and Scribes, and Secretaries, and Guards, etc., when you go to legislate about it? Or will you let them sit there and look as wise as owls, while you High Priests talk wisdom? Or do you intend to doctor up other degrees, to grow up like the cucumber of our companion of Kansas? You had better send to France for Monsieur Parrott, to give you some lessons on folly, such as he gave the Grand Orient, a few years ago, when it got to discussing before him, (a simple master,) matters in reference to what he called high degrees. We find, too, that the *Grand Chapter* actually opened a Council of High Priests, and anointed certain persons—and even one *appointed* High Priest of a Chapter under *dispensation*. Now we had supposed that the order of High Priesthood was like the *actual* Past Masters' degree, only to be conferred upon an elected officer of

required rank, and an election cannot take place except in a warranted Lodge or Chapter. After doing this work, the Council of High Priests was declared closed, and *labor resumed* in Grand Chapter.

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were re-elected.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of California commenced its fifteenth annual Convocation, in San Francisco, on the 19th October, 1868. M. E. Comp. J. S. Titus, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, G. Secretary. There are 36 Chapters on the roll, of which 31 were represented. The returns show 206 exaltations, and 1,546 members. Receipts by Grand Secretay, $3,831. Balance in treasury, $506.17.

The G. H. P. reports harmony and prosperity among the subordinate Chapters. He mentions the death of M. E. Comp. H. H. Hartley, P. G. H. P., and Deputy Grand Master, (to whose memory a page is dedicated,) whose loss he deeply deplores.

The time of meeting of Grand Chapter was changed from October to April, and the next Convocation was fixed for April, 1870.

A resolution was adopted, that if objection is made to the advancement of a candidate, such objection shall be referred to a committee to inquire as to the cause of the objection, which committee shall report at the next meeting, and then if two-thirds of the members present are of opinion that the cause is not valid, the further degrees may be conferred, notwithstanding the objection. This appears reasonable enough, but it is just possible that the harmony of the Chapter might be disturbed by such a proceeding, *unanimity* in the choice of our fellow-laborers in the secret vaults, —which is the chief keystone of our Masonic Arch,—being thus ignored, and the majority dictating to the minority whom they shall receive as associates.

Another decision was made, that a Companion who refuses to record his mark, is liable to censure, and has not a right to withdraw until he has purged himself of his disobedience.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by the talented Grand Secretary, Owen. He concisely reviews the proceedings of 30 Grand Chapters, including a very good notice of Canada, for 1867. In his review of Missouri, he takes strong ground on the negro question, telling Comp. Gouley, that "in English Chapters, the Royal Arch Degree is conferred upon persons 'without regard to race or color,' and that any person receiving it therein is a regular Royal Arch Mason, and entitled to every privilege a Royal Arch Mason can enjoy. In view of the fact that in the seaport towns of the United States many who are not white, and have thus received it, may desire to visit, the decision of the New York committee is one that can not but commend itself as exceedingly proper, and the only one that could be made. We think that that committee which would decide that English, Irish, or Scotch Chapters should not confer the degrees upon any but white men, would be treated by those Bodies as ignorant intermeddlers."

M. E. Comp. John W. Harville, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

As the General Grand Chapter has recognized this new Grand Chapter as having been legally formed, we are at liberty to copy the example, and gladly extend to her the right hand of fellowship.

The second annual report contains the proceedings of a special Convocation, the semi-annual Convocation, and the annual Convocation, which, last was held at Washington, on the 9th November, 1868. M. E. Comp. J. E. F. Holmead, G. H. P. presiding, and R. E. Comp. N. D. Larner, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from all of the five subordinate Chapters. They report 127 exaltations, and 582 members. The receipts were $603.50, and the balance on hand $599.70.

The G. H. P. in his address, congratulates the Companions upon the happy termination of their difficulties, but finds fault with the action of the General Grand Chapter, in placing Potimac Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, without territorial jurisdiction over candidates.

The committee on jurisprudence decide, that a candidate who has lost the second and third finger of his right hand, is admissible to the Chapter degrees. In their report, they say—

"The *principles* of our Order, we have seen, do not consist in actually tracing designs on the trestle-board, polishing the ashlar, spreading the cement, or laying the stones of a veritable building. The practice of our *principles* does not depend on a sound body, the avoirdupois of the Companion, or strength of his muscle. And it is believed that in no one of the degrees are physical qualifications made the slightest test of a Companion's ability to fulfil the *obligations*.

"At no stage of the ceremony is the examining committee called upon to subject the candidate to any such test. Furthermore, if it is our duty to reject upon this ground, it is our duty to make this examination, and if made, by what rule are we to be guided? Is the candidate who has lost a finger to be rejected, and the candidate who is dying of consumption admitted? Will a defective eye, a stiff joint, a club foot, disqualify; while other and greater, though less perceivable, disabilities qualify? Are we a society of Apollos, and made up of form and figure? If so, an important and necessary appendage to the Order is an examining board of surgeons.

"Your committee cannot take so narrow a view of our institution. We believe Free Masonry looks to the *moral* man, and that our principles can be illustrated by the moral man only.

"While your committee believe these general views to be correct, they do not find that it relieves the question of all difficulty. While we should admit only the true and the good, it does not follow that we should admit all who are true and good. We should take no step which would lead to confusion in the Craft; which would leave our traditions, our work, and symbols in possession of those only who, from physical defects could not transmit them. For example, it would be neither beneficial to the candidate nor to our Craft to admit him to the degrees of Masonry if he were blind, or deaf, or so crippled that he had to be carried on a litter.

"On the other hand, it would be equally suicidal to our Order if a slight physical defect should be held to disqualify.

"Between these two extremes we are left a wide range, and where to establish the line is easily seen to be difficult.

"There is one rule that is thought to be proper and just: A candidate for the Chapter Degrees should be subjected to so severe a test as to physical qualifications, as a candidate to the first Degrees.

"A Master Mason belongs to the Masonic family, and we should have a broader charity for him whose misfortunes perhaps have rendered him less a perfect man physically, but have left his morals unsullied, or possibly brightened by the chastening-rod. In army life we see this principle illustrated. The recruit is rejected because of a hundred different defects of the body, many of them slight; but once a soldier, the loss of an arm or leg does not disqualify him for the higher grades, and in all countries many of the brightest ornaments of army and navy service are those who would be ineligible to be received as recruits.

"Another safe and just rule is, to receive those who are shown to be capable of performing the work, whatever their physical defects."

They finally conclude, that, "this question of physical disqualification is one in the determination of which each Chapter must judge for itself, being guided only by a sound discretion and an enlightened judgment as to the requirements of our Craft." Their report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by Comps. French, Mason and Stephens, and reviews the proceedings of 28 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1868. They give principally, the action of the several State Grand Chapters, in regard to their own formation.

M. E. Comp. B. B. French, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Noble D. Larner, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-second annual Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on the 13th day of January, 1868. The Deputy G. H. P., R. E. Comp. William Morrill, presided. R. E. Comp. Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary. Sixteen Chapters, including one under dispensation, return 94 exaltations, and 510 members. The Grand Secretary received $509, and the cash on hand, was $243.

The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. David Jones, was not present, but sent his address, which was read. His official acts were few, and the Companions are still laboring under depressing circumstances. He says "my encouragements to make strenuous efforts have been extremely poor. The almost ruinous poverty of the country is a great bar to my efficiency, as well as any other good cause." Let us hope that brighter prospects are in store for our Companions in Florida.

The proceedings are local and present no matter for special comment.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence, although a committee was appointed. We notice, however, that a resolution was passed, that these reports should, hereafter, be printed during the recess of Grand Chapter, and laid before the Grand Chapter, on the first day of each annual Convocation.

M. E. Comp. James Ellenwood, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Hugh A. Corley, re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for 1868. The annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Augusta, on the 29th April. M. E. Comp. Samuel Lawrence, presided as G. H. P., R. E. Comp. B. B. Russell, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 41 chartered Chapters, and two under dispensation. The statistics are not

summarized. The Grand Treasurer received $2,258.99, and has a balance on hand of $321.55 cash, and $1,000 invested.

The G. H. P., delivered a very good address. He granted two dispensations for new Chapters during the year. He decides, that R. A. Masons "who are unaffiliated with a symbolical Lodge, are under all the disabilities of unaffiliated Masons in such, though they do not necessarily lose their standing in the Chapter. Nor will the fact of their being Past Masters, actual, or by grade, relieve them." He is rightly of opinion, that the Degrees are not *bought* by the payment of the fees by the candidate, "Degrees are *conferred not sold. They are not purchasable.* Neither money nor station can *buy* them. They are the free gift of the Fraternity, as an act of favour or grace, founded upon the fitness of the candidate, physical and moral, social and intellectual, according to the usages of the order. The fees are only the substitute, under the Grand Lodge system, of an equal contribution to the charity fund of the Lodge or Chapter, in lieu of the 'deposit,' the new made Brother was expected to bestow, 'as he should think fit,' to the same end."

The proceedings were of a local character, and present no matter of special interest. A resolution was adopted allowing six months to defaulting Chapters to make their returns and pay dues.

Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of 27 Grand Chapters in a sensible and interesting manner. Canada for 1867, receives kindly notice, and we are glad to quote the concluding portion of his remarks on Comp. Seymour's last report. "The pen that wrote the report we have just received, could only have been impelled by a heart thoroughly imbued with the principles of Free Masonry, and we therefore regret the occurrence of any circumstance that requires a suspension of its noble work. We hope that no rust will be allowed to accumulate on its point, but that returning health will warrant its speedy resumption in the glorious cause in which it has been so ably wielded—the establishment and maintenance of the true principles, laws and teachings of our time-honored institution."

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

INDIANA.

The twenty-third annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, was held in the City of Fort Wayne, on the 21st October, 1868. M. E. Comp. Thomas Newby, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William Hacker, Grand Secretary. Forty-eight Chapters were represented, and eight under dispensation. The register shows 76 Chapters, including 10 under dispensation, 465 exaltations, and 2,863 members. Receipts, $3,108.75. Balance in treasury, $6,012.73.

The address of the G. H. P. opens with a fine picture of their present prosperity. "It is with emotions of the deepest gratitude to the Great I AM, that I again greet you around this altar. Since we last gathered here, two abundant harvests have blessed the labor of the husbandmen, bringing with them plenty and prosperity to the people of this jurisdiction, and abundance for the relief of the widow and orphan, the aged and the destitute. Peace continues to smile upon our land; the wounds inflicted by the demon of war are healing; and the rainbow of promise of the renewal of the ancient harmony is set in our sky. Especially has prosperity abounded in the household of faith. The bonds of fraternal union have been more strongly cemented. An unusual degree of harmony has prevailed. There has been just enough opposition to remind us that we must be faithful in the discharge of our duties, and maintain the principles of our institution, in their simplicity and purity. The attacks made upon us have merely served to show their own feebleness, and our security, as long as we remain entrenched within the ramparts of genuine Free Masonry. In fine, everything calls for congratulation upon the happy auspices under which we have assembled in Annual Communication."

We find that the charters of three delinquent Chapters were arrested, and eight new charters issued.

No matters of grievance or appeals came before the committee.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. Hacker, expressed his desire to be relieved from the further performance of the duties of

that office, and the Grand Chapter decided to place the "work" under his care and custody, to preserve the same pure, and free from innovations. It was also resolved to present him with the jewel of a P. G. H. P.

Two aged Companions, who were surviving original members of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, were elected Honorary members of the Grand Chapter. One of them, Comp. John B. Rose, has been a Royal Arch Mason for over 51 years.

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of M. E. Comp. Isaac Bartlett, P. G. H. P.

G. H. P. Newby, presents the report on Foreign Correspondence. His comments are short, but to the point. He notices the proceedings of 27 Grand Chapters. We regret that ours have again failed to reach him, as we are assured they have been regularly sent. Uncle Sam's mails must be in fault somewhere.

IOWA.

The fourteenth annual Convocation was held at Desmoines, October 16th, 1868. R. E. Comp. J. W. Satterthwaite, Grand King, presided. R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary. Twenty-eight subordinates were represented, and five under dispensation. Forty-three Chapters report 330 exaltations, and 1,688 members. The receipts were $2,746.50, and cash on hand, $2,478.71.

The address of the G. H. P. is confined chiefly to local affairs. From it, we learn that he issued seven dispensations for new Chapters, and no less than twelve special dispensations, "to ballot for, and confer degrees on candidates, at such regular and special convocations, as they might deem proper." We presume these refer to shortening the intervals required by the constitution, and the question arises, *cui bono*, is this wholesale manufacture of R. A. Masons, and this disregard of the restrictions placed expressly for the purpose of securing our avenues from the approach of the unworthy. In several cases these dispensations cover three candidates, in one, four, and in another, no less than

seven. The G. H. P. excuses himself by saying, that he found it essentially necessary, while visiting Chapters, for the purpose of lecturing and exemplifying the work, to have candidates for the several degrees." Uniformity is much to be desired, but if it is to be obtained at the cost of rushing through candidates in this rapid manner, we fear that its advantages will be more than counterbalanced, by the introduction of very great evils. The committee to whom the address was referred "especially commend the G. H. P., for the great care he has exercised in issuing special dispensations."

We observe that the Deputy G. H. P., is not elected, but is appointed by the Grand Council, and the committee on jurispudence, thus reports on his office.

"In relation to the power, duties and prerogatives of the Deputy Grand High Priest, in the absence of the G. H. P., your committee are firmly of the opinion that all the powers possessed by the Grand High Priest must of necessity, in the case of his absence, fall upon the deputy, for this among other reasons: The Priesthood was alone confined to the tribe of Levi, and no one not of that tribe was permitted to aspire to, or assume the duties and responsibilities of the High Priesthood under any pretence whatever. Not even the king, under the Mosaic law, although clothed with absolute power over his subjects, was allowed to meddle with the duties of the Priesthood, or even to touch the vestments thereof, without incurring the displeasure of the Almighty. Even the ark of the covenant was not allowed to be borne or touched by any except by those of the tribe of Levi, and Uzzah, for his temerity in putting forth his hand to steady the ark, was struck dead, and Korah, Dathan and Abiram, for their presumption in assuming the prerogatives of the priestly office, met with a similar fate. With these views, your committee believe that the Deputy Grand High Priest, being an appointment from the Grand Council for a specific object, and not the King, should preside in the absence of the Grand High Priest.

"Upon question 2nd, 'Is a Mark Master Mason made in England eligible to the balance of the Chapter degrees in a Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter?' we reply, yes; but as

independent Mark Lodges are not recognized in this jurisdiction, it is first necessary that he be formally healed."

We greatly miss Comp. Guilbert's usually interesting report on Correspondence, but are in hopes it will yet arrive in time to be noticed.

M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Louisville, on the 19th October, 1868. M. E. Comp. I. T. Martin, G. H. P., presided, and R. E. Comp. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 71 chartered Chapters, and eight under dispensation. There are 87 Chapters on the roll, which return 457 exaltations, and 3,701 members. The receipts were, $7,719.72; and the balance on hand, $723.59. The total resources of the Grand Chapter are given at $11,273.59.

The G. H. P. reports perfect peace and harmony throughout the jurisdiction. "While prosperity has abounded in all sections of the State, and while the material for the Temple has been greatly added to, it has been such as has stood, and we trust will stand the Grand Overseer's square, *true, tried*, and *trusty*, showing the outer courts of our tabernacle have been well and truly guarded, and such has been the harmony of our subordinate Chapters, that no question of importance has been referred to me for my official decision, and this we feel to be a source of gratulation to this Grand Chapter, and especially so when we consider the number of Chapters and members."

The Grand Chapter decided against the appointment of a Grand Lecturer; and also that it was illegal to receive a petition, ballot on the same, and confer the degrees all on the same day.

No report on Foreign Correspondence was presented.

Memorial pages are set apart for M. E. Comps. Rev. W. H. Forsythe, and Humphrey Jones, both P. G. H. Priests.

M. E. Comp. Richard G. Hawkins, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. P. Swigert, re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The twenty second annual Convocation was held at the Grand Lodge Hall, city of New Orleans, on the 9th day of February, 1869. M. E. Comp. Samuel M. Todd, G. H. P., presiding. R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 17 subordinates present. The statistical table shows 24 chapters, 69 exaltations, 1,400 members, 58 dimitted, 33 dead, one suspended, and two reinstated. The receipts were $835,00, and the balance in treasury, $515,20. Total assets $1,948.

From the address of the G. H. P., we extract the following: "I have stated that Masonry in its every branch and rite in this State is working harmoniously and in perfect accord, but I must not omit to state that we are cursed now, as we have been in former years, with the presence in our midst of a clandestine and spurious body calling itself the 'Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite for the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana,' of which one Chassaignac is Chief, and which consists of a few white men and a number of negroes. This body of itself insignificant and of but little weight or influence, has acquired some importance from the recognition and countenance lately extended to it by the Grand Orient of France. There is but little doubt of the action of the Grand Lodge with regard to this infringement of its Jurisdiction, and it is eminently proper that this body should also take prompt action in accordance therewith.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, presented a resolution, similar to one passed by the Grand Lodge, which was adopted as follows:

"*Resolved,* That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter, of Louisiana, and of the Grand Orient of France, cease and be discontinued, and no Mason, holding allegance to that Grand Body, be recognized as such in this jurisdiction."

There were no appeals or grievances brought before the Grand Chapter.

A resolution was passed, donating all the books of the Grand Chapter, to the Grand Lodge Library.

Mourning pages appear to the memory of M. E. Comp. Henry Regenburg, P, G. H. P., and Comps. Coleman and Noyes, P. H. Priests.

The report on correspondence is an able and interesting commentary on the proceedings of 31 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1867 and 1868, by Comp. Joseph P. Hornor. With reference to the titles of the three principal officers of a Chapter, Comp. Hornor is perfectly right in not attempting to argue, that they are correct in placing the High Priest before the King. It will not be denied, that they, as well as we, received the R. A. Degree from England. And if Comp. Hornor will search the *ancient records*, say those of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, in Boston, which are complete as far back as 1769, we think he will find the system then pursued, as they received it, and as we have it now. We presume that the alteration made in the Holy Royal Arch Degree, was by those notorious degree tinkers, Webb, Gleason, Fowle, and Co., who flourished at the beginning of the present century in the United States. And further if he will take the trouble to refer to documentary evidences of a much more recent date, in the shape of the "Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held under the protection of, and supported by, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," which were "unanimously agreed to and established at a Grand Chapter, held in Philadelphia, February 24th, A. D. 1798, and confirmed in Grand Lodge, March 5th, 1798," he will therein find that the said Rules and Regulations commence by setting forth "that Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees.—The three first of which are that of E. A., the F. C., and the sublime degree of Master, and the fourth, the Holy Royal Arch; and at article seventh appears the following:

"That on the admission of a new brother the form of the return to the general Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

"We the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that in a Chapter of the H. R. A. convened and held under the sanction and authority of the warrant of the Worshipful

Lodge, No.——, our beloved brothers, A B., C D., E F., and G H., having delivered to us the proper certificates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were by us admitted to the supreme degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.

"Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter this—— day of—— in the year of Masonry 57—, and in the year of our Lord —,"

[L. S.] A. B. C. Z. H. J. Chiefs.

Scribe.

But Comp. Hornor will not need to be reminded, that even the "approval of their wisest teachers, for half a century," will not make the alteration any the less an innovation, or sanction their present usage as the correct one.

Comp. Hornor also defends the practice of electing a High Priest from the floor of the Chapter, without previous service as King or Scribe. He thinks that in the Chapter, the same necessity does not exist for the rule, as in the Lodge; that every R. A. Mason is competent for the chair, and must be considered as being "necessarily endowed with more wisdom and ability in masonic matters, than one who is only a Master." We incline to the opinion that as the R. A. Degree is more important than that of Master Mason, so much the more important is the office of H. P., than that of W. M., and so much the more necessity for a *Master over Masters*, to be thoroughly qualified by previous training and experience. Still if the mere conferring of the degrees has such an effect on our Louisiana companions, and endows them with such masonic wisdom and ability, the propriety of their custom is not to be disputed. We wish it had the same effect here.

By some mistake of the printer probably, the name of our Grand Scribe E. is given wrong. It should be "Thos. Bird Harris."

A remarkable circumstance occurred in the re-election and re-appointment of all the officers; which is accounted for in this way:—At the opening of this Convocation of the Grand Chapter,

every officer of the body was at his station, and so well satisfied was the Grand Chapter with the manner in which its officers had discharged their several duties and responsibilities, that each elective officer was re-elected, and each appointive officer re-appointed, to the post held by him during the Masonic term just closed.

MAINE.

This Grand Chapter held its annual Convocation in Portland, on May 4th, 1868. M. E. Comp Josiah H. Drummond, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary. Twenty-five Chapters were represented. There are 30 Chapters in this jurisdiction, including four under dispensation. These return $1,007.00 dues, 400 exaltations, 2,210 members, 34 non-affiliated, 36 rejected, one suspended, 31 dimitted, and 26 deceased. The charity fund amounts to $2,711.11, producing an income of $217 94. Cash receipts, $1,244. Balance on hand, $927.70.

We are glad to learn from the address of the G. H. P., that they met "once more in a tabernacle dedicated to Masonry," and that the Craft in Portland, have, "rebuilded the waste places of their Zion." The G. H. P. reports the utmost harmony prevailing, and that the "outer door" has been well guarded. He also says, "In some Chapters it is the practice not to confer the P. M. Degree on actual Past Masters or installed Masters of Lodges. I have formerly approved this practice, but I find upon examination, that the general authority is against it. It has been decided, and is now the law of this jurisdiction that Chapter Past Masters cannot be recognized by the *actual* Past Masters." He issued four dispensations for new Chapters during the year.

M. E. Comp. Oliver Gerrish, after 37 years of service, declined re-election as Grand Treasurer, and received a vote of thanks from the Grand Chapter.

The report on Correspondence is again presented by M. E. Comp. J. H. Drummond, G. H. P,, who "supposes it to be his duty to see that the committees of the Grand Chapter performs their duties, or in case of their inability, to perform them himself."

His report is an able and masterly review of the proceedings of 35 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1867. We are greatly indebted to Comp. Drummond for his valuable table of statistics, which we will take the liberty of appropriating *in toto*, if our Grand Scribe E. will spare us an extra page.

	No. of Subordinates.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions, &c.	Dimissions, &c.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspensions non-pay't dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama	71	2577	234	66	176	..	5	202	37	11
Arkansas	45	1371	207	36	64	2	6	82	24	3
California	33	1429	212	39	109	1	12	23	19	9
Canada	27	944	172	20	54	0	4	..	12	..
District of Columbia	5	498	149	19	42	6	2	39	5	8
Florida	16	445	77	..	11	0	1	..	7	6
Connecticut	27	2688	345	18	36	2	0	..	35	..
Georgia	50	1937	147	39	99	1	5	62	31	4
Illinois	111	5874	1150	88	215	11	23	..	48	107
Indiana	63	2282	488	64	118	7	28	..	29	..
Iowa	38	1378	448	37	78	3	16	21	14	..
Kansas	10	315	75	29	7	..	1	..	5	9
Kentucky	83	3101	559	56	150	4	13	..	38	43
Louisiana	25	1504	133	37	66	2	0	76	49	17
Maine	30	2210	400	..	31	0	1	0	26	36
Maryland, &c	10	780	113	15	15	1	10	0	9	7
Massachusetts	41	4589	742	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Michigan	57	3912	710	63	153	3	5	..	23	118
Minnesota	14	..	152	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mississippi	89	2732	228	162	194	1	19	443	70	..
Missouri	30	1367	272	69	114	2	1	11	17	18
Nebraska	3	200	59	13	8	1	0	..	3	3
New Hampshire	12	1146	184	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Jersey	19	1118	215	..	43	1	6	18	12	..
New York	139	11560	2150	127	270	6	0	125	121	..
North Carolina	30	1434	50	23	29	3	0	0	15	9
Ohio	103	5330	950	80	219	8	41	52	48	7
Oregon	5	149	16	4	9	0	0	0	3	..
Pennsylvania	*Not heard from.*									
Rhode Island	5	624	90	.	..	0	3	20	2	..
South Carolina	18	541	71	..	12	..	..	..	6	..
Tennessee	64	3127	503	96	154	3	20	..	35	..
Texas	85	3500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vermont	21	1313	275	..	40	1	3	..	12	..
Virginia	43	1564	..	1	..	1	..	114	26	..
Wisconsin	37	1946	358	33	101	3	25	..	11	47
	1159	75,485	11,959	1,234	2,617	73	250	1,288	792	462

M. E. Comp. James M. Larrabee was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

This Grand Chapter still retains the title of "Maryland and District of Columbia." The annual Convocation was held a Baltimore, on November 9th, 1868. M. E. Comp. John L. Yates,

presiding as G. H. P. R. E. Comp. William A. Wentz, Grand Secretary. Ten Chapters were represented. Eleven appears on the roll, returning 107 exaltations, and 877 members. The receipts were $63.507, and the balance on hand $690.93.

The G. H. P., presented his address, which refers chiefly to the District of Columbia controversy, but also contains the following beautiful sentiments :

"No longer let commotions and schisms interrupt the peaceful harmony which has heretofore united us; let there be 'no contention among us, except that noble contention of who can best work and best agree;' let us launch our barque upon the open sea and under a calm and serene sky, with a fair wind, steer into a peaceful harbor; let us regard Masonry as a high and holy principle which from age to age has continued to endure; let us remember that our beloved institution still exists pure, virtuous and holy, now as ever ready to stamp its benign influences upon the world and its enlightening rays upon the sorrowful and unhappy wherever found, and that to continue this happy state, we should never forget, as our most important duty, to preserve our beautiful temple spotless and undefiled, guarding it with ceaseless vigilance that drones may never be permitted to enter the sacred hives of our tabernacle, well knowing that more danger is to be apprehended from internal treachery than outward war; let us all and each of us endeavour to excel in the holy tenets of our profession, 'Brotherly love, relief and truth;' and whilst we thus live and thus act, harmony, peace and love will continue to abound in us, and the world looking on be constrained to say, 'Behold! how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

On the disputed question the following resolutions were adopted, namely :

"That the action of the G. G. Chapter of the United States in regard to the District of Columbia, is in direct violation of its constitution, and therefore null and of no effect and has no binding force.

"That the State Grand Chapter has no right to violate its constitution and adhere to such action, and that the G. G. Chapter is more restricted in this respect.

"That we request the several State Grand Chapters to review their action and take into consideration all the facts in the case, and adopt measures in accordance therewith.

"That this Grand Chapter believes that she has now placed herself in her proper position, and will maintain her rightful authority over every foot of the original territory of the State of Maryland.

"That the sentence heretofore pronounced by this Grand Chapter against her recusant subordinates and their members is hereby reaffirmed, and all those true to their allegiance are required to take due notice thereof and act accordingly."

The report on correspondence is by Comp. C. H. Ohr, and is rather a spicy production. He reviews at considerable length the transactions of 25 Grand Chapters, giving several extracts from Canada for 1867.

We presume that it was in consequence of this capital report that Comp. Ohr was elected G. H. P. R. E. Comp. Wm. A. Wentz, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The excellent typography of these proceedings, adds greatly to the pleasure of perusing them.

A Stated Convocation was held in Boston, on March, 10th 1868, at which the following rather curious report of a sub-committee was accepted. "That the ritual of the degree of Past Master, shall be confined to the ceremonies of introduction, election, obligation, installation, and lecture, to be conferred without any intermission or interruption in the order of progression; and in the Royal Arch Degree, the living arch shall not be less than three and one-half feet in height, and remain stationary while being

used; and in the remaining ceremonies, the candidates for exaltation shall be under the exclusive control of the proper officers, and without interference by any other person. The Committee further recommended that the High Priest of each Chapter shall be held responsible for the enforcement of the above regulations." We commend this action as the commencement of a return to "first principles."

At another Stated Convocation held at Boston, on June, 9th 1868, delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and to endeavour to obtain a dissolution of that body, failing which, they were instructed to seek a peacable withdrawal therefrom.

The annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on October 13th, 1868. The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Richard Briggs, presided, with R. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 21 subordinate chapters. We find 44 chapters on the roll, returning 619 exaltations, and 5,005 members. The receipts for the year are given at $3,168,33, and the balance on hand $1,168,96. Total resources of the Grand Chapter, $5,468,96.

They have not yet adopted the prevalent custom of having an annual address from the G. H. P.

The delegates to the G. G. Chapter reported, that they were unable to carry out the instructions given them, as stated above.

Comp. Chickering again reports on foreign correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 19 sister Grand bodies, including Canada for 1866 and 1868. His extracts are good, and well worthy of persual. We have to thank him for a flattering notice of ourselves.

M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, was re-elected Grand Secretary. The retiring G. H. P., (his constitutional term having expired,) delivered an appropriate address.

MINNESOTA.

The eighth annual Convocation was held at Odd Fellows' Hall, in the City of St. Paul, on the 26th and 27th October, 1868. M. E. Comp. Luther Dearborn, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary; and representatives from ten subordinate Chapters present. We find 17 Chapters on the roll, which return 91 exaltations. The receipts were $626.95 and the balance on hand $855.05.

It is pleasing to find, in the eloquent and interesting address of the G. H. P., cheering evidences of the progress of the Royal Craft in the far west. In his opening, he says:

"To those of my companions who have been observers of passing events, it cannot but be gratifying to witness the steady progress with which Free Masonry has accompanied civilization and refinement, even to the borders of our western frontier.

"The rapid settlement of these vast prairies and fertile valleys, bordering upon the 'Father of the Waters' and its tributaries is no less wounderful than the onward progress which has marked the institution of Masonry in its gigantic strides over this almost boundless domain.

"The history of our Order here, is the history of progress; and wherever we hear 'the sound of axe, hammer, and tool of iron,' there also we hear the sound of the 'gavel,' calling from refreshment to labor in the noble tenets of our profession—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

"Here, in this broad land, have we built homes to freedom; and as the strongest guarantee that they will be defended in every right dear to the citizen, we have built, side by side, the Church, the School House, and the Masonic Lodge.

"Many of my Companions, within the past few weeks, have been cheered with like evidences of prosperity from all parts of our favored land. From the 'rock-ribbed' shores of New England to the 'Golden Gate' of the Pacific; from the Lakes to the Gulf

—have been exchanged with Companions from these varied localities, the friendly grip, the kindly words of fraternal regard, and grateful acknowledgments for that kind Providence, which has brought about the reunion of our Masonic relations, from which we have been so long and unhappily separated by the dark cloud of war. * * * But far above all in that reunion, was this great idea, so well and feelingly expressed, and without concert of action, almost simultaneously uttered by our European brethren, in International Convocation assembled, in France :

"*In what manner may Freemasonry counteract the current idea of war, which is hostile to every notion of human fraternity ?*

"When we, by our united wisdom, can give a proper solution and direction to this important question, then can we feel and say, 'That we have not labored in vain, nor spent our strength for naught.'"

The G. H. P. appears to have spent considerable time in disseminating the "authentic work," and received the thanks of the Grand Chapter therefor. He established two new Chapters during the year.

We are sorry to learn of the severe loss by fire, sustained by the fraternity, on the 21st of April last. The Grand Chapter lost all their furniture, jewels and records. The Grand Secretary acknowledges the receipt of letters of sympathy, and duplicate copies of proceedings, from several Grand Chapters, including Canada.

A uniform code of By-laws was passed, which the subordinate Chapters were required to adopt.

The report on Correspondence, by Companions Pierson and Foote, is one of the most readable we have seen. Three pages are devoted to Canada, for 1866 and 1867. They admit the antiquity and superiority of our R. A. Degree over theirs :

"It is true that we in the United States received authority to open our first Chapter, viz.: St. Andrew's, at Boston, from Scotland, but the whole system has been changed since. The Royal Arch Degree, as now worked in all but two jurisdictions in the United

States, 'was derived' from nowhere 'originally,' *but was manufactured here.* The basis of the 'Holy Royal Arch' is different from our 'Royal Arch.' There is a difference in the date, the historical events commemorated, the legends, methods of recognition, &c. The designation of the three principal officers is appropriate to our Degree, more so than than the designation Scribe E.·. and Scribe N.·. is in the 'Holy Royal Arch.'

"We will admit the superiority of the 'Holy Royal Arch' over the American Degree, and so said in a 'book' years ago."

In the course of their remarks upon other Grand Chapters, they comment as follows:

"The Royal Arch Degree is a mixed up medley—the legend, rituals and theory do not harmonize.

"The High Priest under the Jewish dispensation *communicated the 'secret' to one, viz*: his successor in office.

"A Mark Degree is practiced in England, but is not recognized by either the Grand Lodge or the Supreme Grand Chapter, and the Most Excellent Degree is not even known at all. * * *

"The Past Master's Degree, as it is called, has no business in the system, and just as little work as may be should be done in it. The other Degree, although it is a medley—in one ceremony commemorating two facts occurring eleven months apart—should be carefully and fully worked so long as it is retained in the system."

We would gladly quote many of their remarks on other subjects, but the want of space forbids.

M. E. Comp. Moses W. Getchell, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William S. Combs, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

"Tidings from the South." The twentieth annual Convocation was held in the Institute building, at the City of Natchez, commencing on the 23rd of January, 1868. The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. William D. Ferris, presided. R. E. Comp. Oscar T. Keeler, Grand Secretary. Sixty-six subordinate Chapters were represented. There are 73 Chapters, making returns as follows: Exalted

228, affiliated 96, reinstated 66, dimitted 194, died 70, suspended 462, expelled 1, members 2,732. The receipts for the year were $4,791.00, and the balance in hand $2,494.56.

From the address of the G. H. P., we extract the following opinion, on the question whether a Companion has the right to use the name of Christ, in Chapter prayer:

"The Christian cannot approach the Throne of Grace, otherwise than through the merits of Jesus Christ, since it is an article of his faith, that it is only through Jesus Christ, that we have access, by the Spirit, to the Father. Hence to prohibit him from thus praying in the Chapter, would be to preclude him from praying there at all. But every Companion has the right to pray there according to the dictates of his conscience. While deciding thus, I would advise every Companion to 'take heed, lest by any means, this liberty become a stumbling block to them that are weak.' Jesus can be alluded to in the language of the Jewish Scriptures, so that every Christian will understand the allusion, while every Israelite may make a different application of the word. I think it more consistent with Masonic charity, to use such modes of expressions, so that neither the Jewish nor the Christian conscience, may be wounded."

The committee on Masonic Law, to whom the subject was referred, were granted till the next annual Convocation, to report. We agree with the latter part of the above remarks, and think that the Old Testament modes of expression, should be exclusively adopted.

There were no complaints or appeals, brought before the Grand Chapter.

We are unable to give the proper credit for the very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, as no name is appended to it. The author is evidently very modest, but we should like to make his acquaintance.

From the opening remarks, we clip the following:

"We feel that in the unity of love, and the bonds of peace, we may ever meet and mingle. Firm and unimpared by convulsions

around us is the gladsome cement which unites us—distinct as the billows but one as ocean. Up through the dim vista of the past, along the pathway of revolving years, for many centuries gone, faithful votaries of our mystic rites have preceded us on such occasions. We are busy with the precepts, the axioms, the types and opinions of illustrious men, who have fought the good fight, and have entered upon the inheritance which fadeth not away. These are living histories, sacred emblems, such links which connect the present with the great and good of the past, and animate the noble breast and kindle its generous mind. History explains the future by the lessons of the past. If such is the fact, we may not doubt that whatever may be the vissitudes of the times, as we now look up the plane of time to our predecessors, and attest the stability of this venerable institution, so coming generations yet unborn will gladly, in their day, contemplate the solid basis, the graceful columns, the grand proportions, and the lofty dome of a temple, superior to the storms which have strewn the land with fallen empires, the sea with scattered navies, and still survives, vital in every function, bright as the morning star, like

> 'Some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
> Swells from the vail, and midway leaves the storm,
> Tho' round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
> Eternal sunshine settles on its head.'

"The teachings of Masonry are not words to be spoken and forgotten in a day. They are guides and land-marks in the sojourning probation, which fall on the ear, as the cry of 'Land' to the storm-tossed mariner, and indicate the character of climate and soil at the end of the voyage. These words are electrified by the promise of Fellowship, Hope and Rest, when the journey is over, and the golden treasure of the newly discovered country are revealed. Every Mason should feel that on him rests the character of the entire fraternity, and in his hands are placed, for weal or woe, the prosperity and usefulness of the Order throughout the world."

M. E. Comp. James O. Lusher, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Oscar T. Keeler, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

On the twenty-first annual Convocation, held in the City of Jackson, January 14th, 1869, there where present, M. E. Comp.

J. O. Lusher, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Oscar T. Keeler, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 53 Chapters. From the statistics, we find 72 Chapters making returns, exalted 105, affiliated 47, reinstated 97, dimitted 147, died 54, suspended 410, expelled 3, members 2,576. Receipts, $2,980.20.

The G. H. P. says that the Chapters have not yet recovered from the effects of the late strife. "Although most have been reorganized, yet they still suffer heavily from the financial distress and the general deficiency of resources which still prevails." Notwithstanding which, "harmonious intercourse has been maintained, and peace and harmony prevail." No new Chapters were established during the year, which the G. H. P. thinks rather a subject of congratulation than otherwise.

Comp. William S. Patton, reviews the proceedings of 25 Grand Chapters including ours for 1867 and 1868, in his usually interesting manner.

We must point out one error, into which our Mississippi companions have unwittingly fallen. They mention our Grand Registrar, as corresponding to their Grand Secretary. It should be our *Grand Scribe E.*, who performs the same duties as their Secretary. His address is "Thomas Bird Harris, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada."

M. E. Comp. George D. Fee, was elected G. H. P. The Grand Secretary was re-elected.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Chapter held its twentieth annual Convocation in Free Masons' Hall, at the City of St. Louis, on the 7th October, 1868. M. E. Comp. Martin Collins, presided as G. H. P., R. E. Comp. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, and representatives from 26 subordinates present, out of 42 on the roll. Exaltations 370, number of members 2,014, showing an increase of 647. Receipts $2,990, balance $3,423.66.

The annual address of the G. H. P., is an earnest and impressive document. In it he says:—"Many of you, my companions, have

been, during the past year, laboring—lonely, and perhaps discouraged—in the waste places of our State, among the ruins of a former edifice of well-remembered beauty. Others may have been, as it were, 'carried away captive;' your oppressors requiring of you a song, and you tempted to reply: 'How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?' But hope has still been the angel guest of your hearts, and you have not forgotten Jerusalem, the city of the Great King. You have triumphed over captivity, performed the long journey through scenes of blight and desolation, and are here to-day, having won the earthly reward of the faithful, to behold the desert blossoming as the rose. Let us ever bear in mind, for our consolation in distress, that the glowing face of the sun smiles behind the darkest cloud, and that true life is only reached through the gates of darkness and death."

And in reference to the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in September last:

"During the past month the brotherhood of St. Louis witnessed what may be termed a National Assembly of Masons, embracing representatives from every State in the Union. The gathering together of the fraternity from all sections of our great country was a joyful sight to us. The effect was simply grand. The numbers were overflowing. This was cheering; but it was not all. The true Masonic spirit was there, pervading every heart, and dictating every thought and act. This was noble, and demonstrated that we were indeed a powerful organization, an harmonious brotherhood, one people in spirit and in truth."

We heartily endorse the following, and commend the exercise of great caution in such cases:

"In my official capacity, during the past year, I have received numerous applications for dispensations to confer degrees inside of the prescribed time, and consequently outside of the system established by our laws and regulations. I deemed it best, as a general rule, not to recognize these emergencies, and therefore declined all such applications, as inexpedient, except when a deviation from usage was necessary for the formation of a new Chapter, and these cases were rare. Most men have time enough to become Royal Arch Masons in the regular course of receiving

the degrees, and an exigency which demands a more rapid advancement in our mysteries very seldom occurs. The practice of accommodating Masonry to men is subversive of the fundamental principles of the Order, and should be universally discouraged. Where Masonry is to receive a temporary benefit, as, for instance, in the establishment of new bodies, usage may sometimes be waived without injury; but even then the privilege should be very judiciously exercised."

There was no business brought before the committee on grievance.

The Grand Chapter adopted "new Jewels, without collars, but hung by pin attachments," which, we think, would be an improvement on the present system.

It was also decided "that Lodge membership has nothing to do with Chapter jurisdiction; and if an affiliated Master Mason has resided one year within the jurisdiction of any subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, said Chapter thereby acquires jurisdiction over him, and has the right to entertain his petition, and act upon the same."

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and is brief but practical, Canada for 1867, receives a short notice, along with 25 other Grand bodies.

M. E. Comp. Owen Root, jr., was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. George Frank Gouley, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-second annual Convocation of this queen among Grand Chapters, convened at Albany, commencing on February 2nd, 1869. M. E. Comp. Seymour H. Stone, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary, and the representatives of 135 subordinates present. The total number of warranted Chapters is 156. They return 2,149 exaltations, 103 affiliated, 34 restored, 282 dimitted, 284 suspended N. P. D., 2 expelled, 148 died, and 13,127 members.

Sixteen new Chapters were organized during the year, being the largest number in any one year. The G. H. P. remarks, that "the growth seems natural, vigorous, and healthy." The Grand Treasurer reports having received $18,784.85. The payments to representatives amounted to $4,979.37, and to Grand Officers for travel and attendance $1,060.68. Cash on hand $757.93. Total funds $12,557.93.

A large amount of local business was transacted, and the work of all the degrees was exemplified.

The Grand Council decided that Lodges of Mark, Past and E, Masters, cannot be opened without first opening on the R. A. Degree. With us the reverse prevails.

We find the following question and reply, in the report of the committee on jurisprudence, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"A brother is expelled by the Lodge, and afterwards restored to the rights and benefits of masonry—how does this effect his standing as a Royal Arch Mason and membership in his subordinate Chapter?"

"The position of the companion is that of an unaffiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason. His restoration does not restore his membership in the Lodge which expelled him, and as its effect was also to expel him from the Chapter, the restoration has precisely the same effect there; it does not restore him to membership. To either he can only be restored to membership by petition and unanimous ballot."

We think this should be modified in some way. If a brother or companion is unjustly or wrongfully expelled, and the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter should reverse the expulsion, and restore him to the rights and benefits of Masonry, we think he becomes, by that very act, restored to his former membership, which is certainly *one* of the "rights and benefits." And if his former sentence was unjust and wrongful, why should he not be replaced in the possession of the full privileges of which he was so illegally deprived? If he was really guilty of the offence charged, we presume that the Grand body would not restore him, unless on the

ground that he had been sufficiently punished, and in that case we would be in favour of requiring a ballot, before re-admitting him to membership.

An amendment to the Constitution was proposed as follows :— "That the Grand Chapter will not exact annual dues of any companion who has been in good and regular standing in Royal Arch Masonry for the space of twenty-five consecutive years ; or from worthy indigent companions who shall be released by the Chapters of which they are members from the payment of annual dues ; and Chapters are hereby forbidden to exact annual dues from any such companion."

This was originated by the committee on Correspondence, Comps. White, Hoffman and Wade, who point their moral by an illustration : "A wealthy gentleman donated a beautiful church to a community, but suffering severe reverses subsequently, he was refused a seat in the church by the trustees, on the ground that he could not pay the pew rent : we hope the Masonic Fraternity will do better."

They report on the transactions of 32 sister Grand Chapters, in an easy and familiar manner. Canada for 1867 and 1868, is fraternally noticed, and our former effort is regarded as "a comprehensive Masonic document." Thank you, Companions.

Memorial pages are set apart for M. E. Comp. Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. A. Willard, P. G. K.

M. E. Comp. John W. Simons, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The twentieth annual Convocation was begun and held in St. John's Hall, Wilmington, June 2nd, 1868. Present : M. E. Comp. Alfred Martin, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary, and officers from 19 subordinate Chapters. The receipts were $80.00 in silver, and $372.38 in currency. After paying the expenses of the Convocation, about $450, the Treasurer had no funds on hand.

The G. H. P. draws a most depressing picture of the condition of R. A. Masonry in that jurisdiction. He says, that "the past year has been one of suffering and sorrow. * * * A most deplorable lethargy seems to pervade the whole body of the fraternity." He exhorts the Companions to be more zealous and energetic in their efforts, assuring them of the blessings of "an institution which never fails to return a full equivalent to the true and faithful craftsman, for all that he can ever bestow upon her." We sincerely hope, with him, that the waste places may be rebuilt, and the fires rekindled upon deserted altars, before long, as we are sure they will be. The innate vitality of our noble order will overcome all obstacles in the way of re-organization, and from the tone of these proceedings, we know there are faithful Companions to help on the good work. Let them but be united in their efforts and success is certain.

In addition to their other troubles, the library and some of the books and papers were destroyed by fire, in February, 1868.

Delinquent Chapters, and other local matters chiefly engaged the attention of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, embracing the transactions of 30 Grand Chapters, including Canada, for 1867. This report is far more than "a brief statement of prominent items of general interest." His dissertations are valuable, and his conclusions are, in general, correct. With reference to the nomenclature of the three principal officers of a Chapter, we refer Comp. Carr to what we have already said to Comp. Hornor, of Louisiana, (see pages 336 and 337,) also to the remarks on the same subject by Comps. Pierson and Foote, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, (see pages 345 and 346.) We still insist that "historical fact," places *Zerubbabel*, the Prince of the people, and not the High Priest, in the highest station, as the presiding officer of the Council.

M. E. Comp. W. G. Hill, was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Carr, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The eighth annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Portland, on the 22nd June, 1868. M. E. Comp. B. F. Brown, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. C. M. Cartwright, Grand Secretary. There are six Chapters in this jurisdiction, five of which were represented, and made returns, showing 28 exaltations, and 167 members. The receipts during the year were $325.00, and cash on hand $616.53.

A brief address was delivered by the G. H. P. In it he mentions the fact of a charter having been granted by the Grand Chapter, at the last Convocation, to certain Companions in Idaho, which was contrary to the rules of the General Grand Chapter, and he asks that the error may be healed.

The business was of local character.

The report on Correspondence is a brief synopsis of the proceedings of 21 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1867.

M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for the years 1866-7-8, in one volume. All the Convocations were held in Ionic Hall, Providence. That of 1866, assembled on March 13th. M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P., presided. R. E. Comp. Samuel B. Swan, Grand Secretary, and six Chapters represented. The returns show, subordinate Chapters 5, subordinate Chapter U. D. 1, exaltations 80, rejections 21, dimitted 2, expelled 2, died 7, total membership 695. The receipts for the year, were $510.00, and the cash on hand $108.06, with $1,100.00 invested.

From the address of the G. H. P., we learn that he had exercised his high prerogative of making a R. A. Mason *at sight.* This action has excited considerable comment in various places, some

denying the right; while others admit it, but consider that the custom would be more honored in the breach than in the observance. We quote the paragraphs of the address referred to:

"Having learned from the W. Charles D. Greene, Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, now in the fortieth year of Masonic life, that it was his intention to apply to Providence R. A. Chapter for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, I deemed it a fitting opportunity for the exercise of the high power vested in the Grand High Priest by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, of making a Royal Arch Mason at sight. Having laid the matter before my associates in the Grand Council it met their hearty approval, as also that of many Companions in this city whom I consulted in regard to it; and on the first day of the present month at a convocation of the Providence Chapter, in the presence of upwards of fifty Companions, I conferred the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry upon the Worshipful brother.

"In regard to the candidate thus honored, it may not be amiss for me to say, that at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, when there was the largest attendance of members ever present, he received almost a unanimous vote to the responsible position he holds, and his own Lodge, which in years past has frequently honored him, at their last annual communication elected him Secretary with but three dissenting votes. These evidences of his standing in the Fraternity, with the fact that in his forty years of Masonic pilgrimage he has borne the character of a good man, a sincere Christian and a true Mason, were sufficient warrant for making him a Royal Arch Mason without passing through the usual ceremonies."

We may observed, *en passant*, that, at the Convocation of 1868, the following amendment to the constitution, was proposed, and referred to a special committee, to examine and report thereon, viz:

"That Article IX of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be amended by adding thereto the following words: 'Provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize the M. E. Grand High Priest to make a Royal Arch Mason at sight."

This Article IX, is to the effect that where the constitution is silent on any point, the landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry, and the usages of the Grand Lodge, are to govern.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next Convocation was held on March 12th, 1867, with same officers as before. The statistics are, subordinate Chapters 5, subordinate Chapter U. D. 1, exaltations 98, rejections 23, died 12, total membership 768. Receipts $495, cash $291.74, total assets $1,411.74. No dues are exacted by this Grand Chapter from its subordinates, but there is a *per capita* tax of $2.00 on exaltations, which is found sufficient for the support of the Grand Chapter. The Constitution was amended in this respect, at this convocation, the fee being previously $5.00.

A brief address was delivered by the G. H. P., and the usual business transacted. Both the G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were again re-elected.

The Grand Chapter again assembled on March 10th, 1868. Officers as before, and nine subordinates represented, including four under dispensation. These return, exaltations 157, rejections 24, died 12, total membership 913. Receipts $584.32, cash on hand $212.71, total assets $1,873.96.

New Jewels and clothing were ordered to be procured, not to cost over $800.00.

The G. H. P. reports fraternal relations with the several Grand Chapters, and regrets that they have no committee on Foreign Correspondence, to report on their proceedings.

M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, was re-elected G. H. P., R. E. Comp. George H. Burnham, was elected Grand Secretary. Comp. Swan, who retired, was constituted a permanent member, in consideration of his valuable services for eight years.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The annual Convocation was held at Greenville, C. H., on February 11th, 1868. M. E. Comp. R. S. Bruns, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary. There are 20

Chapters on the roll, of whom 14 were represented. They return 137 exaltations, and 674 members. The Grand Secretary received during the year, $788.85, and the balance of cash on hand was $653.28.

In his annual address, the G. H. P. reports great improvement during the past year, in their condition, and exhorts the Companions to continue their labors with zeal and energy.

Comp. Montgomery Moses, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was the second ever made to the Grand Chapter. It was deservedly appreciated by the Grand Chapter, and a committee was appointed to present the Chairman with a Past High Priest's jewel, in recognition thereof.

Both the G. H. P., and the Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

The next annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 9th, 1869. Twenty-three Chapters were represented. Twenty-four appear on the register, returning 127 exaltations, 8 affiliated, 27 dimitted, 25 suspended, 6 died, and 776 members. Dues paid $993.50. The receipts for the year were $1,330.24, and the expenditures for the same time $1,294.51, received during the session $761.50, leaving a balance on hand of $797.23.

The address of the G. H. P. is able and impressive, and contains wholesome admonitions. From it we are glad to copy:—"To observe well and closely; study the laws earnestly; and think honestly upon what we observe and study; then energetically *work* out our thinking: these are the simple and the whole secrets of success in any study, any pursuit, occupation or profession. Spiritual Masonry, or, as we call it, Speculative Masonry, must evermore shadow forth its humble original in operative Masonry, which pursued through its several degrees, branches and orders, gradually developes, from the mud hovel, or the pole habitation of the Nomade, into the Egyptian pyramid and tower; temples such as made Babylon, Baalbec and Perseopolis, so famous; such as crowned the temple of Solomon with its oriental glory; and such as grew to its highest perfection in the Cathedral Towers of the Norman; their grand heights, their exquisite proportions, their

delicate traceries, their belfries, domes and spires, that hang, as it were, in air; their mighty buttresses, and the perfect wholeness of all in the blending over the pillars of strength and beauty of the Royal Arch of the Temple."

Three new Chapters were organized, and received warrants at this convocation; and a considerable amount of local business was transacted. We have perused with a great deal of pleasure, the very able and intelligent report, by Comp. James Birnie, on Foreign Correspondence. Eighteen volumes pass under his hands, and each receives a due share of notice. We observe that he differs from his predecessor on some points, and we think he is right. Canada for 1867 and 1868, is noticed at length, and in complimentary terms. We hope to hear from Comp. Birnie again.

M. E. Comp. R. S. Bruns, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

TENNESSEE.

The annual Convocation was begun and held in the City of Nashville, on the 30th September, 1868. M. E. Comp. Townsend A. Thomas, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. I. Frizzell, Grand Secretary. Fifty-one Chapters were represented, out of 73 on the roll. Exaltations 451, members 3,551, receipts $3,118.15, balance $1,879.05.

The G. H. P. advocates uniformity of work; reports attending the General Grand Chapter, and that he had called a special meeting of the Grand Chapter to attend the funeral of the late Grand Secretary, Comp. C. A. Fuller. He granted eight dispensations for new Chapters.

There were no appeals or grievances.

The members of the Grand Chapter visited Mrs. Sarah Polk, the widow of their late Companion, Ex-President James K. Polk, as a mark of respect.

A handsome and appropriate mourning page is set apart to the memory of Comp. Fuller, P. G. H. P., and Grand Secretary, at the time of his death.

Twenty-six Grand Chapters were noticed in the report on Correspondence, which is by Comp. George S. Blackie, M. D. Canada for 1867, is fraternally reviewed, and extracts given from the address of the Grand Z.

M. E. Comp. William Maxwell, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

This Grand Chapter held its nineteenth annual Convocation, in the City of Houston, June 8th, 1868. M. E. Comp. F. B. Sexton, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, Grand Secretary. Forty-two subordinate Chapters were represented. The returns are published, but they are not summarized, as we would like to see them. The receipts were $1,410.15, and the balance on hand $49.09.

The condition of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, is not encouraging. Much apathy prevails among the Chapters, which the G. H. P. attributes partly to the impoverished condition of the country.

A very large amount of local business was transacted, and the "work," was also exemplified and adopted.

Memorial pages are dedicated to two worthy deceased Companions, Henry R. Cartwell, and James L. Green, both P. G. H. Priests.

Comp. A. S. Richardson, presented a good report on the proceedings of 25 sister Grand Chapters, including ours for 1867.

M. E. Comp. J. D. Giddings, was elected G. H. P. The Grand Secretary was re-elected.

VERMONT.

The annual Convocation was held in Brandon, on the 7th October, 1868. Present: M. E. Comp. Charles A. Miles, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary, and the officers

of 20 subordinate Chapters. We find 23 Chapters on the roll, but no statistics are given. The Grand Secretary received $421.00, and the Grand Treasurer had on hand $1,193.25. Total assets $1,593.25.

The address of the G. H. P. contains satisfactory evidence of the prosperity of the Craft, and the harmony generally prevailing. He says, "the desire to reform old abuses, and to correct existing evils in society, is entirely consonant with the principles of our Order, and doubtless increases its strength." He recommends the permanent location of the Grand Chapter, in some fitting spot, and concludes as follows:

"Let each and all remember the sacred ties that unite us, and not only under the shadow of the Sanctuary, but abroad and in our daily lives endeavour to carry into practice the principles that we profess. Fight the good fight and overcome the world bearing aloft your standard with faith, hope and charity emblazoned upon its folds, keeping your faith unspotted from the world, your hope looking to the bright hereafter, and letting your charity be as extensive as the dimensions of your Lodge. If possible think no evil of your brother in your heart but be kindly affectionate one to another and above all avoid

> 'The shrug, the hum, the ha; those petty brands,
> That Calumny doth use;—
> For Calumny will sear Virtue itself:'

"I fear that oftentimes when we see a brother wandering from the path of right and violating some sacred tie, that we forget that one of our chief obligations is to whisper good counsel in his ear, and by a timely word recall him to a sense of duty, but rather do we procrastinate from false delicacy or carelessness till the stern hand of discipline fall on one whom kind advice and friendly interest might easily have redeemed. In presenting these ideas to you I am well aware that I but speak the old, old truths, eternal as the everlasting hills and am shedding no new light upon the rough and rugged road we all must travel here below, but can we too often be reminded of them. Do they not fall like familiar music with its silver sound upon the listening ear, cheering the weary sojourner upon his way."

The transactions were chiefly local, and require no special comment.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Joshua Britton, on the proceedings of 30 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1867.

The same G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

The annual Convocation was held in the Masons' Hall, City of Richmond, December 17th, 1868. M. E. Comp. Edward H. Lane, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary. Representatives from 26 subordinate Chapters were present. Fifteen Chapters failed to make returns, some of which are extinct.

From the appropriate address of the G. H. P., we extract some useful remarks, viz:

"It has been truly said that no Institution was ever raised on a better principle or more solid foundation, nor were ever more excellent rules and useful maxims laid down for the government and conduct of her members. The most caviling cannot question the soundness and the wisdom of the principles upon which the fabric rests, nor can the most exalted virtue detect a flaw in her teachings. The theory is perfect. Shall we establish its soundness by our practice? This is a question which should address itself to every Royal Arch Mason, and be answered by him to his own conscience after a careful self-examination. Theory is one thing—practice is another. Our Institution is emphatically a practical one. In it we want no drones, but only those whose lives and actions exemplify in their daily walks, that they are 'endeavouring to add to their common stock of knowledge and practical philanthropy.' Two things are indispensably necessary to the usefulness and prosperity of every Royal Arch Chapter—good and sound materal, and a thorough and correct knowledge of the work; without these no Chapter can prosper. The first is accomplished by guarding well the entrance to the sanctuary; the second by always having competent and faithful officers. I fear in some instances both are neglected. Wherever this is the

case the Chapter sickens and after lingering a while finally expires. The extinction of a number of Chapters in this jurisdiction is attributable to one or the other or both of these causes."

The venerable Grand Secretary was presented with a chain and mark, suitably engraved, as a memento of fraternal regard, and appreciative of his faithful services for over half a century. The special committee in their report say, "By the blessing of Providence he is still with us, and at work with us, for the good of the Craft, and your Committee feel that it needs no *golden chain* to bind the affection which is felt towards each other by this body, and their venerable Grand Secretary, but trusts that the little appendage will be a MARK of their appreciation of a DOVE—the emblemetical messenger of peace—who has so long nestled by the Ark of this Grand Chapter." And the G. H. P. thus concludes the presentation: "The emblems engraven hereon, cannot fail to remind you of the tempestuous sea of troubles over which you have so safely rode for more than three-quarters of a century, and now as the shades of evening are closing around you, you will not fail to hail with delight the dove returning with the olive branch of peace. May you now enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life in the service of your fellow-creatures, and still be spared for many years to come, as a bright and shining light of what a true Mason is." To which the recipient made an appropriate reply.

The report on Correspondence is certainly a gem in its way. As it is contained in four lines, the committee can hardly be accused of being too prolix. They acknowledge the receipt of a number of proceedings, including Canada, all of which they dispose of this way:

"After a careful perusal of all these documents, we find nothing requiring special notice. We are much gratified at witnessing the harmony and good order prevailing throughout, and would ask a continuance of fraternal correspondence."

Such a report would hardly satisfy the earnest "seekers after light," we have in this, and many other jurisdictions.

The G. H. P., and the Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, was held in the City of Milwaukee, on the 3rd February, 1869. M. E. Comp. A. V. H. Carpenter, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. T. Palmer Grand Secretary. The receipts during the year, were $2,442.00, expenses $1,513.75, (of which a large proportion was for pay of representatives,) balance $2,995.08.

The address of the G. H. P. is remarkable for its energy and impressiveness, and for the sound Masonic doctrines it contains. In fact we consider it a model. He issued one dispensation for a new Chapter, and refused another, and in this connection says, that "some degree of experience, or very extraordinary natural ability, should distinguish him who would seek the place, or be selected to preside over, organize, and conduct the affairs of a new Chapter." The "rite of memphis" is nearly extinct in their borders. The Chapters show good progress in the selection of candidates, "observance of regulations, proficiency in the work and lectures, and the ratio of increase of membership." Towards weak Chapters, the G, H. P. advocates sustaining measures, not "neglecting or showing hardness to them. But not to increase the family beyond our capacity to properly support and educate the children." We would gladly extract more, but our space is rapidly drawing to a close.

Comp. William H. Morris, jr., is the author of the able and impartial report on Foreign Correspondence, which embraces the proceedings of 23 sister jurisdictions, including Canada for 1868. For the future these reports are to be compiled before January, and printed and distributed at the opening of each annual Convocation, which, it is thought, will make them of more practical utility. This method is well worthy of our consideration.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The twentieth triennial Convocation of the G. G. Chapter of R. A. Masons, for the United States of America, convened at

the City of St. Louis, Missouri, September 15th, 1868. M. E. Comp. John L. Lewis, of New York, presided as G.G.H.P., and R.E. Comp. John D. Caldwell of Ohio, G. Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 23 State Grand Chapters, the 12 others not being represented. The table of statistics is compiled from those of the several Grand Chapters, and shows a total membership of 75,478. The receipts are given at $1,603.60, and after paying necessary expenses, the G. Grand Treasurer had a balance of $498.37 on hand.

The address of the G. G. H. P. is chiefly a defence of the G. G. Chapter, and an account of the District of Columbia dispute. He gives the following as the three prominent objects had in view in its formation :

" 1. The necessity of a body which should promote the extension and cultivation of Royal Arch Masonry in unoccupied territory, where no Grand Chapter existed.

" 2. The erection of a common tribunal for the arbitrament of difference of State Grand Chapters, and

" 3. The establishment and dissemination of a uniform system of work and lectures."

The City Council of St. Louis, extended the hospitalities of the City to the G. G. Chapter and the Grand Encampment, as "distinguished and honorable visitors."

The select Committee on the District of Columbia matter, presented two separate reports. That of the majority, with the resolutions accompanying it, was adopted on a division 47 yeas to 26 nays. These resolutions are three in number, the first recognizes the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, as regular ; the second places Potomac Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, but *without territorial jurisdiction* over candidates ; and the third revokes all acts of censure, suspension or expulsion, arising out of the formation of the said Grand Chapter.

Charters were granted to new Chapters in new Mexico, Idaho, Montana, and two in Nevada. There were also applications for Salt Lake City, and one in Smyrna, Turkey, which were left in the hands of the G. G. H. P., for his action.

The next triennial Convocation was appointed to be held in the City of Baltimore, Ind., on the third Tuesday of September, 1871.

The principal officers elected were :

M. E. Comp. James M. Austin, New York, G. G. H. P.,
" " " R. S. Bruns, Charleston, S. C., D. G. G. H. P.,
" " " William Hacker, Shelbyville, Ind.,G. G. K.,
" " " Martin Collins, St. Louis, Mo., G. G. S.
" " " John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, O., G. G. Secretary.

This concludes our report. It will be seen that the Royal Craft is enjoying a large degree of prosperity, in almost every jurisdiction. Long may such prosperity continue; and continue it will, if we are true to ourselves, and true to the noble principles upon which our Order is founded. From every direction, comes the joyful sound that "all is well," and that our career as Royal Arch Masons, is one of great usefulness. The benign influence of the Order make way for themselves, and added membership serves but to increase our means of doing good in our day and generation. But in the midst of such prosperity and activity, it behooves us to guard our portals with caution, and never to admit to fellowship in our "ancient and honourable" brotherhood, those who are mentally and morally unfit. We should be ever as ready to reject the improper, as to welcome those who will be a credit to the institution. Then indeed, will our Society prosper, for its success will be founded on prudence and justice, and our actions be always guided by the three great principles—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

"We build upon the noblest plan,
For friendship rivets man to man,
And makes us all as one."

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman Com. Foreign Correspondence.

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,
KINGSTON, AUGUST 10th, 1869.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R.E. Comp. John S. Bowen, and resolved—

That the report of the chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received, and the same printed with the proceedings of this Annual Convocation, and that the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to R.E. Comp. Robertson, its Chairman, for the same.

R.E. Comp. J. Seymour on behalf of the Committee on Ritual, reported to the Grand Chapter, that circumstances had occurred which prevented them from being enabled to complete their report for this Annual Convocation, but expected to be in a position to do so next year.

The Grand Scribe E. on behalf of M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, presented his Credentials of appointment as the representative of the Grand Chapter of the state of Tennessee, in the Grand Chapter of Canada, which were received and accepted with the usual formalities.

The Grand Scribe E. read a letter from the R.E. Comp. Geo. S. Blackie, M. D., acknowledging the receipt of his credentials, and intimating his acceptance of the position and duties of Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation—

It was moved by V. E. Comp. Frederick Mudge, seconded by R.E. Comp. John S. Bowen, and resolved—

That clause IX of the Book of Constitution be amended by erasing the word *Tuesday* and inserting therefor the word *Wednesday*.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. John S. Bowen, seconded by R.E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, be held at the City of Quebec.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshments for the space of one hour, in order to accept of the hospitalities which had been provided for the use of the Grand Officers and members of Grand Chapter, by the Ancient Frontenac, and Cataraqui Chapters.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 5 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M.E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, as G.Z.
R. " " James Seymour, G.H.
" " " Thomas McCraken, as G.J.
} Grand Council.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee on Warrants submitted the following report:

The Executive Committee having had the applications for Warrants from The Hiram Chapter, Goldenville, Nova Scotia; Mount Horeb to be called "Signet" Chapter, Orillia, Ontario; Keystone Chapter, Whitby, Ontario; Corinthian Chapter, Peterborough, Ontario; Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, Ontario; before them and having carefully considered the same, beg to recommend that Warrants be issued to said Chapters.

The Committee have further to recommend that the name of the Chapter held at Orillia, be "Signet" Chapter, as above given.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS F. McMULLEN.

Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas Mc.Craken, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants, be adopted.

The Executive Committee submitted the following, on the address of the M. E. Grand Z.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter :

The Committee to whom has been referred the opening address of the M. E. G. Z. beg respectfully to report as follows :

They unite with the M. E. G. Z. in recognizing the gratifying progress of Capitular Masonry throughout the Dominion, and regret that on this occasion it has not been possible for them to have the pleasure of his personal presence.

It is extremely gratifying to find that the principles of our institution have so much conduced to the continuance of that harmony which should ever be conspicuous among the Craft.

Your Committee welcome the new Chapters at present under Dispensation, and trust that they may be found qualified to receive Warrants.

Your Committee are rejoiced to learn that the action of M. E. G. Z. in granting Dispensations to St. Andrew's, and other Chapters, to enable them to resume their work with renewed vigor, has been crowned with such abundant success, and they feel the more pleasure in commending this action as it has resulted in real benefit to the Royal Craft.

The principle of the exchange of representatives between sister Grand bodies has always been recognized by this Grand Chapter, and your Committee are glad to learn of the appointment of R. E. Comp. George S. Blackie, M. D., as our representative at the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

The kind feeling expressed by the several Grand Chapters in the United States is most cordially reciprocated.

The remarks of the M. E. G. Z. as to brothers who have taken part only, of the intermediate Degrees, as calculated to remove the grievance in question, and are well worthy of the attention of the Grand Chapter.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter are certainly due to the indefatigable Companion who has prepared the report upon Foreign Correspondence.

With regard to the recognition of the 33° your Committee are of opinion that inasmuch as this Grand Chapter, or the degrees

conferred under its authority are not recognized by the A. and A. Rite, they recommend that until some satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at, the said Order be not recognized by the Grand Chapter.

The initiation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is a gratifying fact and it is hoped that the principles of our Craft may make such a due and lasting impression on his future life and conduct; that all, both members of the Royal Craft and those not belonging to the Order, may derive benefit therefrom, and that so may Masonry fulfill one of the highest purposes.

Regarding the work being exemplified your Committee regret that unavoidable circumstances have prevented it being done.

In conclusion your Committee would renew the expression of their appreciation of the services of the M. E. G. Z. to the Royal Craft, and his devotion to the interest of the Grand Chapter.

They unite with him in the prayer that the blessing of the Almighty may continue to shed its benign influence on our Institution, and promote its holy design.

CHARLES L. BEARD,
J. CONWAY BROWN,
H. W. DELANY.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. John H. Graham, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the Grand Z.'s address, be received and adopted.

The Executive Committee submitted the following report, on

FINANCE AND AUDIT.

To the Most Excellent Council:

The Executive Committee has examined the various books, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct, and have much pleasure in reporting that the books of the Grand Treasurer show a much larger balance

to the credit of Grand Chapter, than in former years; amounting to the sum of $977.87, being $425.00 in excess of last year.

The Committee would recommend the payment of the following accounts which have been examined and found correct :

Grand Scribe E. salary to August, 1869	$300.00
J. T. Rolph, engraver, for certificates	120.00
Grand Scribe E. expenses attending Grand Chapter, at Montreal, last year	36.25
T. & R. White, sundry printing	12.00
Charles Frazer, for engrossing Warrants	8.00
Tyling Grand Chapter at Montreal	5.00
R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, stationery, &c	3.00
R. Haigh, Book-binding	1.00
Murray and Co., blank book	1.00
Grand Scribe E. contingent expenses as per petty cash book	16.77
Total	$503.02

Leaving a balance in Grand Treasurers hands of..... $474.85

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL J. MAY,

Chairman Sub. Committee on Finance.

KINGSTON, AUGUST 10th, 1869.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp M. J. May, and resolved—

That the foregoing report of the Executive Committee on Finance and Audit, be received and adopted.

The Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

The R. E. the Scribe E. having reported and read reports from all the District Superintendents, viz :

R.	E.	Comp.	Thos. F. McMullen,	London District.
"	"	"	Charles L. Beard,	Wilson "
"	"	"	Thomas Winter,	Huron "
"	"	"	B. E. Charlton,	Hamilton "
"	"	"	William McCabe	Toronto & Ontario "
"	"	"	H. W. Delany,	Prince Edw'd "
"	"	"	M. J. May,	Central "
"	"	"	Thomas Milton,	Montreal "
"	"	"	W. A. Taylor,	E. Townships "
"	"	"	Thomas Lambert,	Quebec "
"	"	"	Robert Marshall,	New Brunswick.
"	"	"	J. Conway Brown,	Nova Scotia.

Said Reports were on motion handed over to the Executive Committee to report thereon, and in so doing, deem that they have great cause to congratulate Grand Chapter on the continued high standing and prosperity as evinced by these Reports; and feel satisfied that the favourable condition of Capitular Masonry as thus shewn, is highly satisfactory.

Your Committee notice with pleasure that no cases of unmasonic conduct are reported as having been adjudicated on, with the exception of those mentioned in the report of the Superintendent of the Montreal District, and sincerely hope that those cases may not be of so serious a nature as appears at first sight.

Your Committee have carefully considered the remarks made by R. E. Comp. Charlton, Superintendent of the Hamilton District, deem it unnecessary to recommend any alteration in the existing Laws of Grand Chapter, as they now exist. Your Committee, on referring to the reports, are pleased to find one from the Quebec Superintendent, and feel gratified to learn that Capitular Masonry has at last been entirely placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

As regards the recommendation made respecting the division of territory south of the St. Lawrence, your Committee see no objection to it, and would recommend that a line of division running west of the counties of Lotbiniere, Megantic and Beauce, be drawn, and all

the south bank of the St. Lawrence, of the Province of Quebec east of that line, be considered as forming a part of the Quebec District.

JOHN S. BOWEN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Bowen, seconded by M. E. Comp. John H. Graham, and resolved—

That the foregoing report on the Condition of Masonry, be received and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at seven o'clock p.m.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 7.15 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson, as	G.Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	James Seymour,	G.H.	
" " "	Thomas McCraken, as	G.J.	

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The first business before the Grand Chapter was the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic Year, which was proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected:

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington, Ottawa, re-elected		Grand Z.
R. " "	James Seymour, St. Catharines,	"	" H.
" " "	Henry Robertson, Collingwood,		" J.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris, Hamilton, re-elected		Grand Scribe E.
" " "	Michael J. May, Ottawa,		" " N.
" " "	Robert Hendry jr., Kingston,		" Prin. Soj'r.
" " "	John V. Noel, Kingston, re-elected		" Treasurer.
" " "	John H. Graham, Richmond,		" Registrar.
"	John Proctor, Quebec,		" Janitor.

The following Companions were nominated by the Chapters of the respective districts, and approved by the presiding officer, as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas F. McMullen, re-elected,	London	District.
" " "	Charles L. Beard, "	Wilson	"
" " "	Thomas Winter, "	Huron	"
" " "	Benjamin E. Charlton, "	Hamilton	"
" " "	Thomas Sargant,	Toronto	"
" " "	Silas B. Fairbanks,	Ontario	"
" " "	H. W. Day,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	George M. Wilkinson,	Central	"
" " "	Thomas Milton, re-elected,	Montreal	"
" " "	Edson Kemp,	East'n Towns'ps	"
" " "	H. J. Pratten,	Quebec	"
" " "	R. Marshall, re-elected,	Province of New Brunswick.	
" " "	J. C. Brown, " "	Nova Scotia.	

The M. E., the presiding officer, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elective Grand Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the usual Masonic honors.

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments, viz:

V. E. Comp.	John Nettleton, Collingwood,	Grand 1st Asst. Soj'r.
" " "	John J. Gemmill, Ottawa,	" 2nd " "
" " "	Lachlin McCallum, Dunnville,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	Robert Ramsay, Orillia,	" Standard "
" " "	D. R. Munro, New Brunswick,	" Dir. of Cer's.
" " "	David McLellan, Toronto,	" Organist.
" " "	Wm. Edgar, Hamilton,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	Donald Ross, Picton,	" Stewards.
" " "	J. K. Kerr, Toronto,	
" " "	N. B. Falkiner, Belleville,	
" " "	F. Mudge, Brantford,	

The M. E. Grand Z. directs that each Companion elected or appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

The following Companions were elected by the Grand Chapter to serve as members of the Executive Committee, for the ensuing year, viz.:

R. E. Comp.	C. D. Macdonnell,	Peterboro.
" " "	Henry Macpherson,	Owen Sound.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	Belleville.
" " "	John Kerr,	Kingston.
" " "	John C. Bowen,	Quebec.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. John C. Bowen, seconded by R. E. Comp. John H. Graham, and resolved—

That in accordance with the recommendation of the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and adopted by the Grand Chapter; the District of Quebec, will comprise all that portion of the Province of Quebec lying south of the river St. Lawrence, and extending as far west, so that it will include the counties of Beauce, Megantic, Lotbiniere, in addition to the territory at present included under the jurisdiction of the D. D. G. M. of the G. L. of Canada, for the District of Quebec.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by E. Comp. A. Servos, and unanimously resolved—

That the best thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and the same are hereby tendered to the Companions of the Ancient Frontenac, and the Cataraqui Chapters of Kingston, for the use of the Masonic Hall, for the holding of this annual Convocation, and also for the generous hospitalities extended to the members and representatives who have been in attendance at this meeting of Grand Chapter.

E. Comp. G. H. Dartnell, gives notice that at the next annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, he will move an amendment to clause IV. of the article "of proposing members &c.," in the Book of Constitution, by the insertion of the words "*unless by Dispensation of the Grand Z.*," after the words "Scribe E." at the 5th line.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by R. E. Comp. John S. Bowen, and resolved—

That in consideration of the services rendered in the compilation of the report on Foreign Correspondence, the

sum of Fifty dollars of the funds of this Grand Chapter be appropriated as a slight remuneration to the Chairman of committee, R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, for his report submitted at this Convocation.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the M. E. Grand Z. be authorized to defray the incidental expenses incurred at this annual Convocation, as also for printing the minutes of proceedings of this Convocation, as soon as the same shall have been completed.

On motion it was resolved—

That the Grand Scribe E, be authorized to print a new edition of the Book of Constitution with all amendments thereto made.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in due form, with solemn prayer, at 11 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST.



G. S. E.

Returns of Subordinate Chapters,

RENDERED A. D. 1869.

No. 1—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1795.

Stated Meetings—third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	George M. Wilkinson,	Z
" "	W. P. Phillips,	H
" "	R. M. Horsey,	J
"	Daniel McCartney,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....48

No. 2—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1820.

Stated Meetings—first Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	William Reid,	Z
" "	William Edgar,	H
" "	Walter J. Lindsay,	J
"	Alfred J. Nuthall,	Scribe E.

Number of members 44

No. 4—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1847.

Stated Meetings—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman,	Z
" " "	M. Crombie,	H
" "	J. K. Kerr,	J
"	James Bain,	Scribe E.

Number of members Resuscitated.

No. 5—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1854.

Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	A. G. Smyth,	Z
" "	F. Westlake,	H
" "	D. Borland,	J
"	H. A. Baxter,	Scribe E.

Number of members 48

No. 6—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1855.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Edward Mitchell,	Z
" "	Hugh A. Mackay,	H
" "	Richard Brierley,	J
"	H. Burkholder,	Scribe E.

Number of members 88

No. 7—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1856.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Alfred Ellis,	Z
" " "	William Doctor,	H
" " "	John Taylor,	J
"	George D. Dickson,	Scribe E.

Number of members 83

No. 8—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1857.

Stated Meetings—third Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas Sargant,	Z
" "	David McLellan,	H
" "	George C. Patterson,	J
"	John Segsworth,	Scribe E.

Number of members 61

No. 9—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, SHERBROOKE, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1858.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	John H. Graham,	Z
" "	George H. Borlase,	H
" "	Rev. C. P. Mallory,	J
"	William Farewell, jr.,	Scribe E.

Number of members 72

No. 10—NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1858—AFFILIATED, A. D. 1868.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	D. R. Munro,	Z
" "	John Mullin,	H
" "	James McNichol,	J
"	D. Smith Stewart,	Scribe E.

Number of members 103

No. 12—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1850—AFFILIATED, A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Robert Hendry, jr.,	Z
V. " "	S. H. Blondheim,	H
" "	A. Malone,	J
R. " "	John V. Noel,	Scribe E.

Number of members 28

No. 13—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, QUE.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1854—AFFILIATED, A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Christopher Staveley,	Z
" "	William Wilkinson,	H
" "	John Tweddell,	J
"	George C. Bown,	Scribe E.

Number of members 62

No. 14—PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Edson Kemp,	Z
" "	James Oliver,	H
" "	H. W. Wood,	J
"	Charles E. C. Brown,	Scribe E.

Number of members 22

No. 15—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John A. Mackenzie,	Z
" "	Louis Ernst,	H
" "	William Ireland,	J
"	George Russell,	Scribe E.

Number of members 36

No. 16—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in March, June, Sep. and Dec.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	E. P. Remon,	Z
" "	J. J. Gemmill,	H
" "	William Hay,	J
"	Thomas Painter,	Scribe E.

Number of members 59

No. 17—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO, QUE.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday in every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	W. G. Parmelee,	Z
" "	J. Erskine,	H
" "	L. W. Decker,	J
"	F. E. Fourdreiner,	Scribe E.

Number of members 49

No. 18—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Charles L. Beard,	Z
" "	John Paterson,	H
" "	John Chalmers,	J
"	Malcolm McKinnon,	Scribe E.

Number of members 39

No. 19—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Alex. Servos,	Z
" "	Robert Struthers,	H
" "	George Groves,	J
"	John M. Clement,	Scribe E.

Number of members 75

No. 20—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday of every month

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John W. Lethbridge,	Z
" "	John Taylor,	H
" "	Charles Heyd,	J
"	George H. Wilkes,	Scribe E.

Number of members 30

No. 21—CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Isaac H. Stearns,	Z
" "	Arthur R. Sowdon,	H
" "	Charles Storer,	J
"	W. M. Somerville,	Scribe E.

Number of members 60

No. 22—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	A. G. Macdonell,	Z
" "	Rev. E. W. Beaven,	H
" "	M. Dowsley,	J
"	Rev. W. McGill,	Scribe E.

Number of members 34

No. 23—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Wilson	Z
" "	John Williamson,	H
" "	A. J. Donly,	J
"	R. Thoroughgood,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....24

No. 24—TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1863.

Stated Meetings—last Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Dutton,	Z
" "	William Buckingham,	H
" "	Alex. Matheson,	J
"	Thomas B. H. Maddocks,	Scribe E.

Number of members 50

No. 25—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1864.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas Milton,	Z
" "	R. Handsley,	H
" "	George P. Bailey,	J
"	H. Le Cappellain,	Scribe E.

Number of members 56

No. 26—ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1865.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	H. W. Delany,	Z
" "	John Dench,	H
" "	James Young,	J
"	David Roblin,	Scribe E.

Number of members 27

No. 27—MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1866.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John Nettleton,	Z
" "	E. R. Carpenter,	H
" "	Allan Cameron,	J
R. " "	Henry Robertson,	Scribe E.

Number of members 33

No. 28—PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1866.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John Boyd,	Z
" "	John Staunton,	H
" "	William Wright,	J
"	George W. Garth,	Scribe E.

Number of members 60

No. 29—McCALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1866.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Jabez Amsden,	Z
" "	John Parry,	H
" "	Joseph Hurssell,	J
"	Charles E. S. Black,	Scribe E.

Number of members 25

No. 30—HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D 1867.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Isaac F. Toms,	Z
" "	Thomas S. Sinclair,	H
" "	Hugh Gardiner,	J
"	Samuel H. Detlor,	Scribe E.

Number of members 21

No. 31—PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1868.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS,

E. Comp.	Donald Ross,	Z
" "	David Denoon,	H
" "	Henry T. Wood,	J
"	James J. Carter,	Scribe E.

Number of members 22

No. 32—WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1868.

Stated Meetings—Monday on or after full moon in Feb., May, September and November.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	George H. Patterson,	Z
" "	Thomas M. Simons,	H
" "	William Elliott,	J
"	John Habbick,	Scribe E.

Number of members 16

No. 33—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, GOLDENVILLE, N. S.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—second Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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		H
		J
		Scribe E.

Number of members 20

No. 34—SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—1869.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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" "	Robert King,	J
		Scribe E.

Number of members 10

No. 35—KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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" "	Yeoman Gibson,	H
" "	John P. Campbell,	J
		Scribe E.

Number of members 9

No. 36—CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBORO', ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—third Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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" "	Daniel T. Eastwood,	J
		Scribe E.

Number of members 10

No. 37—VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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" "	Robert Nichol,	J
" "	J. B. Trayes,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....9

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" Mathew W. Attwood,
Comp. William Daniels.

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" Rev. Robert Boyer,
" Everitt H. Coleman,
" George E. Bull,
Comp. John Bell,
" John Fornie,
" R. S. Fife.

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Comp. W. H. Waggoner,
" Mark Solomon,
Comp. J. Fierheller.

Stadacona Chapter, No. 13, *Quebec, Que.*

Comp. James Carter.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, *Ottawa. Ont.*

Comp. James Wilson,
" George Cox,
Comp. George H. Perry,

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, *Woodstock, Ont.*

Comp. Thomas Bowers,
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" Abel Bristol,
" Isaac R. Walker,
Comp. Fred. A. Sharpe,
" James E. Dockrey,
" William Bettridge,
" J. B. Vanvoorhis.

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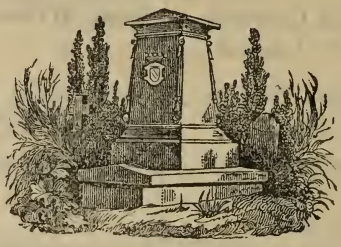
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Comp. Donald McLean.

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Comp. John McWinnie.

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Comp. **ROBERT M. WILKINSON, 7th June, 1868.**
ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, No. 1, Kingston, O.

Comp. **REV. P. SMITH, April, 1868.**
ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, London, O.

E. Comp. **E. R. SULLIVAN.**
ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, Hamilton, O.

E. Comp. **ARTHUR D. LAMB.**
KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, No. 8, Toronto, O.

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WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, Sarnia, O.

Comp. **HENRY POOLEY, 21st June, 1869.**
GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, Prescott, O.

E. Comp. **EDWARD ALLEN WALKER, 13th April, 1868.**
MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 27, Collingwood, O.

E. Comp. **GEORGE JESSUP, 21st June, 1869.**
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1868						Fr. 5	Sa. 4	Mo. 4	We. 1	Th. Sa. 1 31	Su. 29	Tu. 29
1869	We. 27	Fr. 26	Sa. 27	Su. 25	Tu. 25	We. 23	Fr. 23	Sa. 21	Mo. 20	We. 20	Fr. 19	Sa. 18
1870	Mo. 17	Tu. 15	Th. 17	Fr. 15	Sa. 14	Mo. 13	Tu. 12	Th. 11	Fr. 9	Su. 9	Mo. 7	Th. 7
1871	Fr. 6	Su. 5	Mo. 6	We. 5	Th. 4	Sa. 3	Su. Mo 2 31	We. 30	Th. 28	Sa. 28	Su. 26	Tu. 26
1872	Th. 24	Sa. 23	Su. 24	Tu. 23	We. 22	Fr. 21	Sa. 20	Su. 18	Tu. 16	We. 16	Tu. 15	Su. 14
1873	Mo. 13	Tu. 11	Fr. 14	Sa. 12	Mo. 12	Tu. 10	We. 9	Fr. 8	Sa. 6	Su. 5	Tu. 4	We. 3
1874	Fr. 2	Su. 1	Tu. 3	We. 1	Fr. Su. 1 31	Mo. 29	Tu. 28	Th. 27	Fr. 25	Su. 25	Mo. 23	Tu. 22
1875	Th. 21	Sa. 20	Su. 21	Tu. 20	Th. 20	Fr. 18	Su. 18	Mo. 16	We. 15	Th. 14	Sa. 13	Su. 12
1876	Tu. 10	We. 8	Th. 9	Sa. 8	Mo. 8	Tu. 6	Th. 6	Fr. 4	Sa. 3	Tu. 3	We. 1	Fr. Sa. 1 30
1877	Mo. 29	Tu. 27	Th. 29	Fr. 27	Su. 27	Mo. 25	We. 25	Th. 23	Sa. 22	Mo. 22	Tu. 20	Th. 20
1878	Fr. 18	Su. 17	Mo. 18	We. 17	Th. 16	Fr. 14	Su. 14	Mo. 12	Th. 12	Fr. 11	Sa. 9	Mo. 9
1879	We. 8	Th. 6	Sa. 8	Su. 6	Mo. 5	We. 4	Th. 3	Sa. Su. 2 31	Tu. 30	We. 29	Fr. 28	Sa. 28
1880	Tu. 26	We. 24	Th. 25	Sa. 24	Mo. 24	Tu. 22	We. 21	Fr. 20	Sa. 18	Su. 17	Tu. 16	Th. 16
1881	Sa. 15	Mo. 14	Tu. 15	Th. 14	Fr. 13	Su. 12	Mo. 11	Tu. 9	Th. 8	Fr. 7	Su. 6	Mo. 5
1882	We. 4	Fr. 3	Su. 5	Mo. 3	We. 3	Th. 1	Sa. Su. 1 30	Mo. 28	Tu. 26	Th. 26	Sa. 25	Su. 24
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